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HANKOW ALARM. OFFICIALS SENDING FAMILIES AWAY. NORTH SHELLING PUKOW. POWERS ANSWER CHIANG'S PROTEST.

Tension at Hankow appears to be increasing, and Chinese officials, fearing trouble, are sending their families away. The populace is looking to the foreign district for safety.

Retreating only a few miles from Pukow, the Northerners are still firing into the captured city. Yesterday they hit a Southern armoured train, putting it out of action.

The British, American and Japanese Senior Naval Officers have presented their reply to General Chiang Kai-shek's protest against warships returning fire when shot at from the shore.

FENGTIEN THREAT.

Hankow's Anxiety Steadily Increasing.

Hankow, May 16. Local uneasiness continues and arrangements are being made by the Chinese populace for retreat to the foreign district in the event of the Fengtiens advancing on Hankow.

Chinese officials are sending their families away. — British Naval Wireless.

Pukow Shelled.

Nanking, May 16. There was no defence made of Pukow, the fall of which to the Southerners is confirmed.

Taking all rolling stock with them, the Northerners have retreated a few miles from Pukow and continue to fire into the taken city.

Troops Cross River.

A Southern armoured train was hit in the City by the Northerners' fire yesterday and put out of action.

The crossing of large numbers of Southerners ten miles above Nanking is being covered by a Chinese cruiser.

Reply to Chiang.

The British, American and Japanese Senior Naval Officers have drafted the reply to the protest of Chiang Kai-shek regarding the retaliatory firing of British warships and this has been handed to the General Commanding the Chinese troops at Nanking. — British Naval Wireless.

Cross River Firing.

Chinkiang, May 16. Intermittent rifle and machine gun fire continues between the opposing armies and the guns on Hsueh Shan fort fired at the North Bank of the river yesterday.

All available water transport has been commandeered.

The convoy which arrived yesterday evening was not fired at. — British Naval Wireless.

YANGTSE TRADE.

Questions Regarding British Policy.

London, May 17. In the House of Commons, in asking questions, Mr. H. W. Locker (Conservative) referred to the Japanese Government mission to investigate the condition of Japanese communities in the Yangtse Valley and report how they might be reinstated. Mr. Locker asked whether British purposes to take a similar step.

Mr. Locker also asked what policy was being followed as regards securing the resumption of British trading at Chinkiang, Nanking, Wuhu, Kiukiang and Hankow.

Mr. Locker Lampson, replying, said that the Government would only adopt similar steps if it found the present sources of information were inadequate.

He pointed out that the dislocation of trade at the towns mentioned was due to insecurity of life and property. A satisfactory resumption of trade could hardly be expected until there was a Chinese authority able to discharge the ordinary functions of Government and protect law-abiding citizens.

Military Expenses.

A sum of \$600,000 monthly has been sanctioned by the Provincial Government for the expenses of the Department of Military Affairs of Kwangtung province with the approval of the Canton branch of the Political Council.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Sir Miles Lampson Leaves Peking.

Peking, May 16. Sir Miles Lampson and party left Peking for Shanghai this afternoon. — Reuter.

Marshal Chang's Tour.

Peking, May 16. Chang Tso-lin intends to leave Peking about May 20 on a trip to Pengu and afterwards, Honan, in order to investigate and discuss the situation with his military leaders.

He is expected to be absent from Peking for ten days. — Reuter.

VIA SIBERIA.

MAILS DESPATCHED AS USUAL.

REASSURING STATEMENT.

Regarding the despatching of mails via Siberia from Hong Kong, it will be recalled that, during the period of uncertainty in Shanghai and the disorganization of the postal service there, arrangements were made by the postal authorities in Hong Kong to "miss" Shanghai and connect with the trans-Siberian route elsewhere, by Tientsin, Dairen or Nagasaki.

In view of the instructions to Britishers by the Foreign Office not to proceed by the trans-Siberian route at present, a "China Mail" representative made enquiries to-day as to whether the decision affected the despatch of mails from Hong Kong superscribed "via Siberia."

It was gathered that as no information had been received to the contrary, mails were still being despatched from here via Siberia, the absence of instructions being taken as an indication that the Foreign Office advice was directed solely to personal travellers.

It was pointed out to the "China Mail" representative that Russia was a member of the Postal Union and as such had bound herself to forward mails of all other nations members of that Union. The trans-Siberian mail from here, in the event of British mail being particularly endangered, would not be affected more than that of mail from all parts of China at it was sent through the intermediary of the Chinese Post Office and went with the rest of China's mail.

SMUGGLING PREVENTION.

The Ministry of Finance (Canton) has decided to amalgamate the various smuggling preventive services, such as the Explosive, Salt, and Opium Smuggling Preventive Bureaux into a General Smuggling Preventive Bureau. This step of the Ministry of Finance is taken for the purpose of unifying all smuggling preventive affairs. Li Min-yan, magistrate of Sie Wei district, will be appointed Director of the Bureau, it is reported.

WEATHER FORECAST.

S. W. or variable winds, moderate; equally showery, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Metropolitan observations at 8 a.m. this morning: barometer, 29.74; temperature, 81; humidity, 89; wind S.W. (force 3).

COMMONS SURPRISE.

Labour Members Walk Out.

TRADE UNION BILL PROTEST.

London, May 16.

In the House of Commons, the Labourite Opposition walked out of the House to-day after Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, had moved a time-table allocating sixteen days for the remaining stages of the Trades Unions Bill.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, Labour leader, described the Government's action as contemptible and disgraceful.

He said the Opposition would not be party thereto by sitting in.

FATAL CLASH.

American Marines Killed In Nicaragua.

Managua, May 16.

Captain Buchanan and Private Jackson, of the United States Marines, were killed in a clash with a band of Liberals near Leon. Six Liberals were killed. Several Marines were wounded. — Reuter's American Service.

the House during this part of the proceedings.

They would leave as a protest against the Government policy of gag and bullying.

The Ministerialists greeted the exit of the Labour members with laughter.

Mr. Lloyd George, Liberal Leader, in their absence, continued the discussion on Mr. Baldwin's motion. — Reuter.

Spinning Out Time.

Later. In consequence of the withdrawal of the Labourites, the debate on Mr. Baldwin's guillotine

SEIZED BY THROAT.

Taikoo Lady Attacked By Thief.

PLUCKY RESISTANCE SUCCEEDS.

Mrs. Harry Coombes, living at the Government waterworks bungalow on the hillside at Taikoo, was attacked by a ruffian last night. She was walking up the path leading to her house at 8.10 p.m., when a Chinese rushed up from the road. He caught her by the throat and throwing some cement in her eyes, tried to steal an attaché case she was carrying. Mrs. Coombes struggled pluckily and after a while the thief became alarmed and ran away.

motion collapsed and the House of Commons adjourned within three hours of assembling for a week's work.

It had been anticipated that the whole of to-day's sitting would be occupied by Opposition attempts to amend the guillotine time-table and it had not been arranged to take the Trade Union Bill to-day. Hence the early adjournment.

Mr. Baldwin, moving the guillotine, said it was necessitated by the fact that after 3 1/2 days of the second reading and eighteen hours of committee only six of the amendments had been disposed of and seven words passed.

Even with the guillotine motion it was not likely that the session would finish at the end of July as intended.

Mr. Baldwin declared that the allocation of time was ample and generous if the House were determined to make a good job. (Laughter.)

"Unexampled Audacity."

If any portion of the House desired to wreck the Bill no time was sufficient. (Ministerial cheers.)

ARCOS RAID.

Home Secretary Makes Statement.

MISSING OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.

London, May 16.

The House of Commons was crowded and animated at question time when Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, made a statement as regards the Arcos raid.

He said that information sent to him on May 11 by the Secretary for War, satisfied him that a certain official document was, or had been, in the possession of a person employed in the premises of Arcos Limited.

The document was inscribed "the property of His Majesty's Government not to be circulated to the Press or anyone not holding an official position in His Majesty's service."

It was in fact a document of which unauthorised persons were known to be attempting to obtain copies.

Sir William Joynson Hicks immediately communicated with Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, and Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, and with their knowledge and consent, authorised the police to apply for a warrant under the Official Secrets Act to search the premises of Arcos Limited who shared the building with the Russian Trade Delegation.

The search, which was carried out in strict conformity with the warrant, only ended at midnight yesterday.

The document in question was not found. (Labour cheers.)

The police seized certain papers which may bear upon the matter and examination thereof is proceeding. (Conservative cheers.)

Sir William Joynson Hicks hoped to be able to make a full statement on Thursday. He reiterated that he was satisfied the document was or was in the Arcos building. — Reuter.

No Diplomatic Immunity.

London, May 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. L. R. Lumley (Conservative) asked whether the whole Soviet Trade Delegation enjoyed diplomatic immunity or only the head thereof.

M. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative, adding that the head of the Delegation was an official agent appointed under Article V of the Trade Agreement, and the privileges he enjoyed were those prescribed by Articles IV and V of that agreement. He did not enjoy diplomatic immunity.

Sir William Joynson Hicks said that no women were searched in the Arcos raid. Only their handbags were searched. — Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

London, May 16.

In contrast to the previous roar of concrete breakers, only a muffled click of typewriters was heard all day long from Arcos House, as the police continued their work, searching for and classifying the contents of the safes and strong rooms.

An air of mystery was imparted to the proceedings from the fact that the work was carried on behind drawn blinds to shield the detectives from curious eyes.

Numbers of women are now participating in the proceedings and assisting police in the role of interpreters, and translating documents. Popular interest in the raid is evidenced by the fact that hardly a motor bus entered Morgate Street without slowing up as it passed Arcos House to enable passengers to gaze at the building. — Reuter.

£10,000,000 Credit Scheme.

London, May 16.

The alleged arrangement for a credit scheme, amounting to £10,000,000 between the Midland Bank and the Soviet Trade Delegation is officially declared by the former to be incorrect.

Sir Allan Smith, interviewed by the "Financial Times," stated that the categorical character of the Midland Bank's denial placed him in a somewhat delicate position and he could only imagine that some technicality existed which rendered the agreement "slightly short of completion."

Reuter.

4,000 TROOPS.

Where They Are All Going.

SHAMSHUPO CAMP DETAILS.

Regarding the disposition of the 15th Infantry Brigade which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, it is understood that the 1st Northamptonshire will be accommodated at the Shamsuipo encampment.

The 2nd Scots Guards will go to the Peninsula, where the 2nd Welch Regiment is already.

The 1st Queen's Royal Regiment will be split up between Wellington Barracks, Victoria Barracks and Lyemun Barracks.

The Royal Engineers have already been accommodated at the Shamsuipo encampment and the Artillery units that are yet to arrive will go to the Rope Factory.

The 2nd Scots Guards is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie; the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment is commanded by Lieut.-Col. R. G. Clarke; the 1st Northamptonshire is commanded by Lieut.-Col. S. H. J. Thunder; the 2nd Welch Regiment is commanded by Lieut.-Col. T. G. Mathias.

The Shamsuipo Camp. Although there has been for the last three weeks or so a Company of 200 odd men of the Cameronians at the Shamsuipo Camp, they were only in the nature of a guard to take care of the huts as they were completed.

During the last week ends Units for the first time took up their quarters there, being the 56th Field Co., R.E., and details of the Yorks Regiment (Green Howards) and the 1st Middlesex.

Troops expected with the arrival of the 15th Infantry Brigade are the 1st Northants and an Ordnance workshop.

To-day, with the completion of the canteen and W.O.'s quarters, the whole camp is complete.

The work of constructing the camp was done under the Director of Public Works and in addition to the Departmental work done by the Roads, Water, Electricity and Drain departments (each Department doing completely the work under its own sphere), there were four large contracts under the direction of the Architectural Office of the P.W.D. by whom the plans were drawn.

The second contract was for kitchens, Platoon Huts, Ablution Huts, Latrines, Offices and Sergeants' Quarters and mess, Guard House, etc., costing about \$300,000 and done by the Hong Kong Excavation and Pile Driving Company.

The second contract was for kitchens, Platoon Huts, Latrines, Ablution Huts, Company offices, etc., undertaken by Messrs. Kin Lee and Co., the well-known contractors who built King's College and other large Government works. The amount of this cost was about \$160,000.

Contract No. 3 was for furniture and fittings, etc., to kitchens, Platoon Huts, Officers' Quarters and Bath Room, undertaken by Messrs. Yu Lee and Company, the amount being \$50,000.

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Contract No. 4 was also let to Kin Lee and Co. and consisted of Warrant Officers' Quarters and two large Regimental Institutions and two tennis courts, the amount being \$44,000.

The first contractors to complete his portion of the work were Messrs. Kin Lee, who finished three weeks before contract time, thereby gaining a substantial bonus.

Ten weeks ago, the site was barren reclamation ground and to-day there stands on it a camp complete in every detail for two Infantry Battalions. This reflects credit not only on the contractors, but also, the Public Works Department for the speedy and efficient work put in by the various sub-departments.

Each of the two Battalion camps has accommodation for 1,008 Ordinary Ratings, three Warrant Officers and thirty officers.

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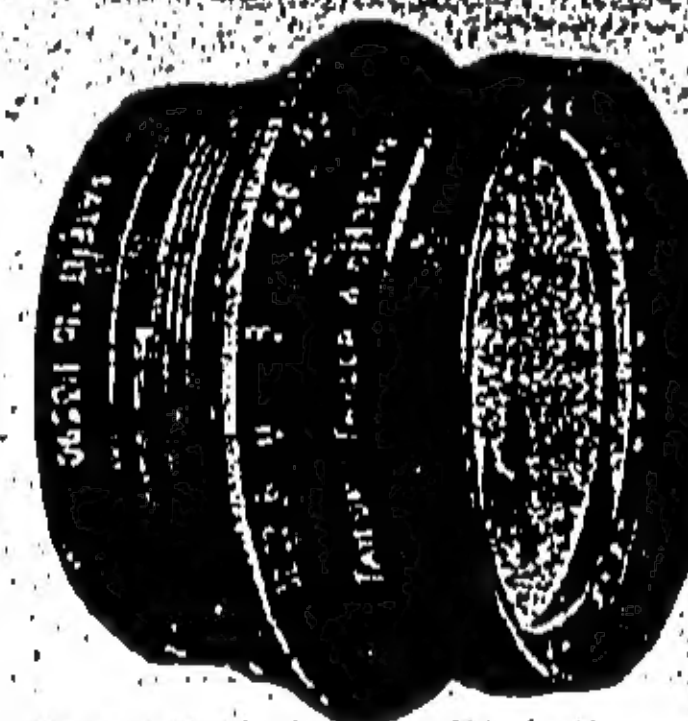


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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th May to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 16th May, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, on SATURDAY, the 21st of May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of December, 1926.

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STREET ACCIDENT.

INQUIRY INTO OLD MAN'S DEATH.

Sitting as Coroner yesterday afternoon, Major Willson and a jury held an inquiry into the death of an 81-year-old Chinese man, who was knocked down by a motor cycle driven by Police Sgt. Scrim on April 21.

Evidence by Sgt. Scrim was to the effect that on the day of the accident he was driving the cycle, with a dog cage at the side, and Sgt. Cameron on the pillion seat. As he was turning into Whitty Street a Chinese dashed round the corner in front of the cycle. The Sergeant averted to the right to avoid the man, and in doing so the dog cage tilted, and at the same time he saw another man about 4 or 5 yards away from the cage. He again averted back to the left to avoid this man. The machine toppled over and the dog cage struck the deceased. An ambulance was sent for and the man was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

After corroborative evidence by Sgt. Cameron, Dr. Craig of the Government Civil Hospital deposed as to the deceased's injuries, namely slight concussion and multiple abrasions. Death subsequently occurred from pneumonia on May 5. The injuries themselves were not such that would have caused death. A verdict of accidental death was returned, the jury finding that Sgt. Scrim had done his best to avoid colliding with the deceased.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"AUCTION BLOCK" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

With "The Auction Block," Hobart Henley returns to the small town atmosphere of the early productions which made him famous. It was "The Flirt" and "The Turmoil," both Booth Tarkington stories, that brought this director's talent to the public's attention.

Most of the story of "The Auction Block" takes place in the small town of Palmdale, South Carolina. It contains all the petty jealousies, the undercurrents of ill-feeling, as well as the good-heartedness and generosity of a small town.

Charles Ray plays the part of the city man, instead of the country boob for a change, and Eleanor Boardman is featured with him as "Lorelei Knight." Sally O'Neill, Ernest Gillen, Charles Clary, David Torrence, James Corrikan, Forrest Seabury and Ned Sparks complete the cast.

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"ICE FLOOD" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

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Kenneth Harlan gives a splendid performance as the young crusader who attempts to "clean up" the worst lumber camp in the north with his fists.

Viola Dana in her usually charming self as the feminine lead, and the supporting cast is excellently chosen. It includes Frank Hagney, Fred Kohler, DeWitt Jennings, Billy Kent Schaeffer, Kitty Barlow, and James Gordon.

AT THE STAR.

"TRACKED IN THE SNOW COUNTRY" TO-DAY.


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A sweet love story runs throughout and it should be noted that the photography is especially good. The Wilbur Players hold the stage at the 9.15 performances.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a jury concluded the inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman who was killed on April 16 when a motor lorry in which she and six male coolies were riding plunged down an embankment near the Shaikwan tram terminus. A verdict of "death through misadventure" was returned.

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SPORTSMAN'S SHOTGUN.

That a shot gun found in his house was left there by a European sportsman was the excuse a Chinese gave to Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when he was charged with possession of the weapon without a licence.

Police investigation revealed that the accused had spoken the truth. The gun was, in fact, left with the accused who was a private watchman at Kauman-kang by Mr. H. M. Pinquet of the A.P.C.

In view of Mr. Pinquet's confirmation of the accused's story, Sgt. Kennedy did not press the charge.

Mr. Schofield discharged the accused with a warning.

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18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.58
22	5.41	6.59
23	5.41	6.59
24	5.40	6.59
25	5.40	6.59
26	5.40	6.59
27	5.40	6.59
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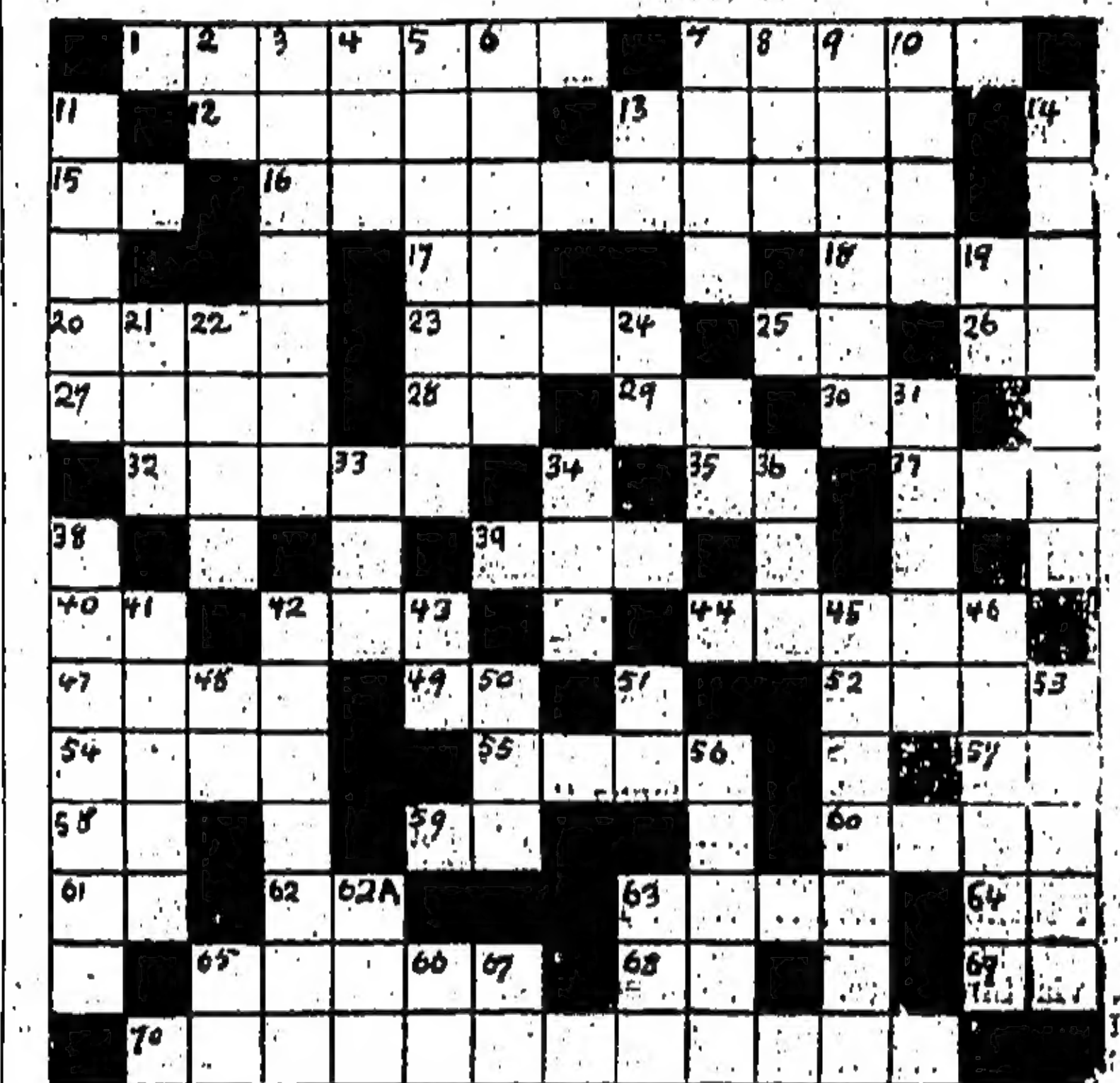
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- | Across. | Down. |
|---|--|
| 1. Manifest. | 2. T. B. (actual). |
| 3. Consequential. | 3. Part of machine moved by the foot. |
| 4. Pierce. | 4. E. V. (actual). |
| 5. To cause to rise. | 5. Kissed with violence. |
| 6. A prefix meaning iteration. | 6. Fits for insertion into a mortice. |
| 7. Vanishing. | 7. The grampus. |
| 8. A prefix signifying in conjunction. | 8. A wave. |
| 9. Largest great division of the globe. | 9. Natural. |
| 10. Imitated servilely. | 10. Captures by wife. |
| 11. A protuberance. | 11. To make a harsh grating sound. |
| 12. Denotes presence. | 12. C. S. (actual). |
| 13. T. R. (actual). | 13. Knotted. |
| 14. A rude, rustic, rough man. | 14. Impersonal neuter pronoun. |
| 15. E. S. (actual). | 15. A fit of nervousness. |
| 16. A. A. (actual). | 16. Strays from the right path. |
| 17. E. O. (actual). | 17. Same as 49 across. |
| 18. Towards. | 18. Musical drama. |
| 19. Out of the common path. | 19. A point. |
| 20. A magpie. | 20. To rise in bilsters, breaking in white froth. |
| 21. Doomed. | 21. A hicough. |
| 22. L. S. (actual). | 22. An injection. |
| 23. Japanese lady's sash. | 23. An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner. |
| 24. Uncommon. | 24. A town in ancient Greece. |
| 25. A sharp loud outcry. | 25. I. P. (actual). |
| 26. Father. | 26. The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation. |
| 27. A hostile incursion. | 27. To concur. |
| 28. Vigorous. | 28. L. R. (actual). |
| 29. Yellow part of an egg. | 29. Yes. |
| 30. Moderation. | 30. Hebrew Delty. |
| 31. Towards. | 31. Pertaining to the god of the winds in ancient mythology. |
| 32. Myself. | 32. A kind of scourge used in Russia. |
| 33. Honey (French). | 33. A fluid measure in use among the Dutch. |
| 34. E. V. (actual). | 34. A legume. |
| 35. Same as 49 across. | 35. V. B. (actual). |
| 36. A water game. | 36. North Britain (abbreviated). |
| 37. R. T. (actual). | 37. D. U. (actual). |
| 38. An article of food. | |
| 39. E. U. (actual). | |
| 40. London district (abbreviated). | |
| 41. A walking about. | |
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"LEUNGSHAN" FIRED ON BY SOLDIERS.

CANTON RIVER INCIDENT.

Fire from the shore was opened on the s.s. "Leungshan" yesterday morning as she was on the way to Canton from Hong Kong, bullets striking the steel casing of the boat deck.

This occurred at 7 a.m. just after the steamer had passed Whampoa and the marshes where the cadets of the Military Academy are known to be quartered.

The "Leungshan" was well within the time prescribed for the passage of this area by the Canton Government and the firing was therefore either wanton or a deliberate and unprovoked attack on a defenceless river steamer. It is stated that at the time of the firing a large force of soldiers could be clearly observed from the steamer taking up a position along the river bank on the starboard side. Between sixty and seventy shots were fired, of which about a dozen struck the steamer.

Fortunately, owing to the early hour, few of the passengers were up and there were no casualties. On the return trip of the "Leungshan" yesterday evening, H.M.S. "Cicala" accompanied the steamer as far as Whampoa. There was no repetition of the firing.

It is understood that a protest will be forwarded to the Chinese authorities when the affair has received full investigation.

BIBBY LINE TROOPSHIPS.

After having been continuously employed for the last six Indian relief seasons the "Derbyshire," has arrived here carrying the 2nd Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. In the autumn of this year the Transport Department of the Government are making a new departure by introducing motor-driven vessels into the service, and in this connection have arranged with the Bibby Steamship Co. for the employment in the regular service of the "Derbyshire" and "Somersetshire."

These two vessels, which have proved their efficiency and reliability during the past five years, have accordingly been placed in the hands of Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., of Barrow, where they are having the necessary alterations arranged so as to become ideal Indian troopships, and their advent into the service is being looked forward to by all concerned with considerable interest. The Bibby Line has always been prominent in the carriages of troops, having taken their share as far back as the Crimean War, while the Yorkshire, Cheshire, and Staffordshire served during the South African War, and the whole of the fleet were employed during the Great War.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Santha" is due here from Amoy to-morrow evening. The Ben Line s.s. "Benlomond" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on May 20.

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Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "D'Artagnan" are informed that all claims must be sent to the Agent before May 19 or they will not be recognised.

DERBY SWEEP.

MORE STOCK EXCHANGE "GAMBLING."

London, April 26.

There has been quite an unprecedented number of applications for the "Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund," though it is strictly limited this year to members of the Stock Exchange, each of whom is allowed a maximum of 20 tickets of £1 each as the first allotment.

The "Fund" opened only last week, but the rush for tickets has been such that it is expected that £250,000 will be subscribed.

The office in Throgmorton Street was to-day besieged by enquirers for "Derby Sweepstake" tickets.

The first prize last year was £6,500. This year it is expected to be £75,000, but the organisers do not propose to exceed this amount. They would rather widen the distribution of the money.

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North Wall, Danne, East Wall Thracian, Petersfield and Subs. L2 and L3; North Arm, Titania and Submarines; In Dock, Wivern and Verily; Talkoo Dock; Aphis; Kowloon Dock, Hermes and Ladybird; Coaling Camber, L3; Buoy 2, Woolston; Buoy 3, Dragon; Buoy 4, Dauntless; Buoy 6, Froisher; Buoy 7, Dalhi; Buoy 8, Danne; Buoy 10, Somme and Sepoy; Buoy 11, Starling; Buoy 12, Bruce; Buoy 13, Marston; Buoy 18, Ruthenia and Kharki; Buoy 20, Franco; Buoy 25, U.S.S. Helena; Buoy 2A, H.S. Maine.

WIRELESS ROOM THEFT.

The Chief Officer of the s.s. "Prosper" reported the theft from the wireless room yesterday of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition. The thief got at the weapon by breaking the door of a cupboard in which it was kept.

The mistresses of seven passenger boats were this morning fined \$2 each by Lieut.-Comdr. J. E. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., for causing an obstruction yesterday by making fast alongside the Hong Kong and Territorial Estate Co.'s private landing place.

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"HALF MAD."

QUEER STORY TOLD IN POLICE COURT.

BULLETS FIRED AT A PLANE.

London, April 26.

Trelawney Dayrell Reed, gentleman farmer and artist, was charged at the Wimborne Court with attempted murder.

The Court was crowded with the public, including Mr. Augustus John, who is a friend of Reed's.

Counsel for the prosecution said that when Squadron-Leader Longton's machine returned to the starting point 48 bullet holes were found in the left lower wing alone.

Reed called at the Wimborne Police Station next morning and said: "I am half mad when those things come over my house. I did not want to hit anyone. I fired behind it. What can I do to keep them away?"

Reed was thereafter arrested. Counsel for the defence said that there was no intention to hit the pilot, only to frighten him.

The prosecution did not press the charge of attempted murder. The Bench committed Reed to trial on charges of attempted unlawful wounding, malicious damage to property and common assault.

Reed pleaded not guilty and was allowed bail.

[A London cable dated April 15 stated: Squadron-Leader Longton made the extraordinary discovery that his machine had been shot at when he stepped out of his sixty horse-power Blackburn "Blue Bird," which he was trying out at the Eastern Flying Meeting at Bournemouth. He had flown for twenty minutes and noticed nothing unusual, but he found that parts of the upper and bottom wing and fuselage had been fired on from a double-barrelled sporting rifle.

The police are investigating the matter and a reward of £25 is being offered in the case of a conviction of the offender. Another cable from London dated April 16, said: The aeroplane shooting incident mentioned yesterday occupied the attention of the Wimborne Magistrate to-day, when Trelawney Dayrell Reed, 38, gentleman farmer, who is well known in Bournemouth, was formally charged with shooting at Squadron-Leader Longton, with intent to murder him.

Reed was remanded until April 19. Police are being posted as a precaution at the Bournemouth ying ground at to-day's and Monday's meetings.]

ABSENTEE MEMBERS.

London, April 12.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Winston Churchill) in the House of Commons to-day replying to Mr. J. Beckett (Labour), said that Cabinet held out no prospect of facilitating the passage of the Absence from the Commons Bill.

Mr. Beckett: Are you aware of the strong feeling at Bosworth, Captain Gee's electorate?

Mr. Churchill: No.

[A previous cable stated: "A Bill sponsored by seven Labour members and obviously designed to meet the case of Captain Gee was introduced into the House of Commons. The Bill seeks to render vacant the seat of any member who has been absent for 12 months without the special leave of the House."]

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
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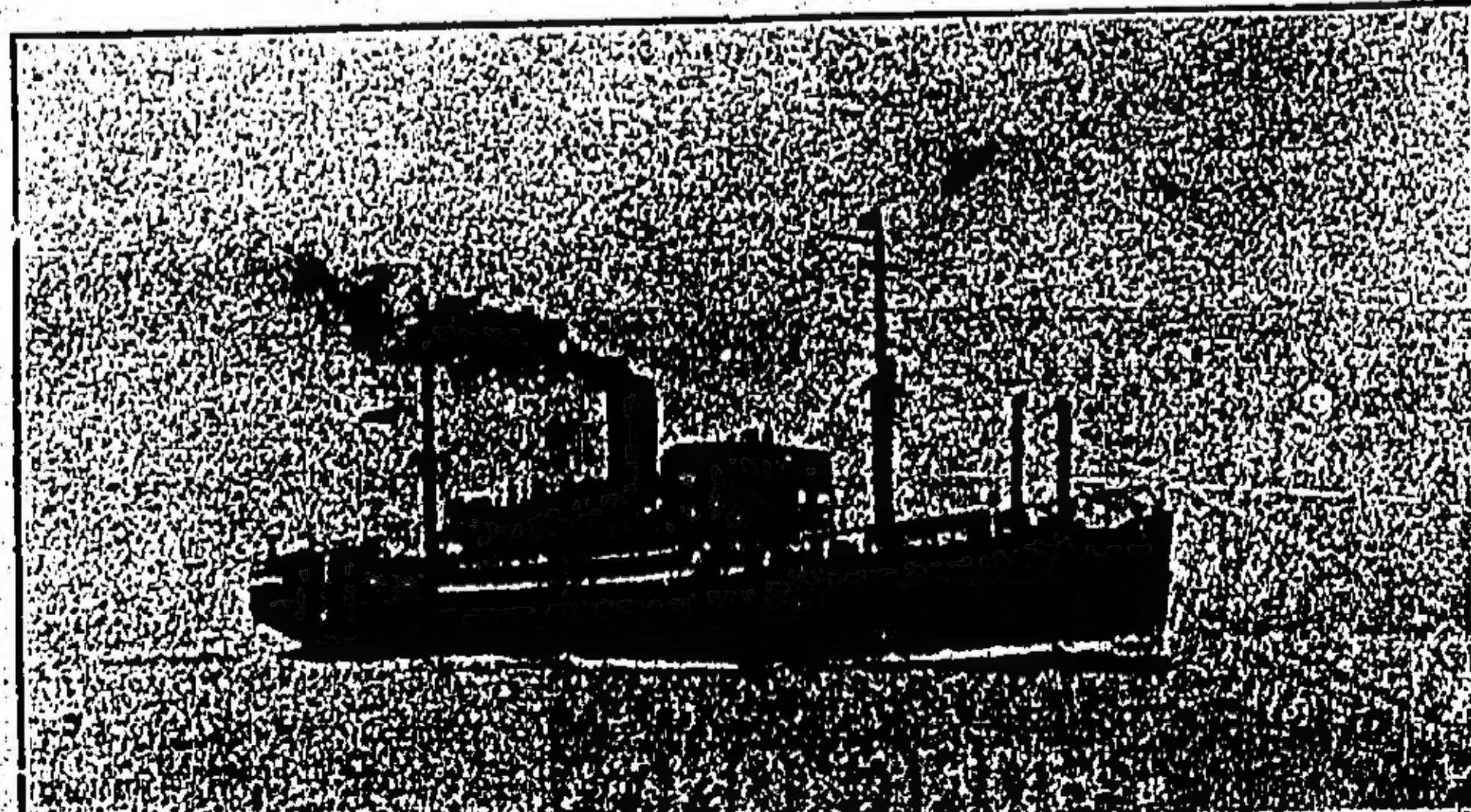
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Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Siberia" Mar-
for San Francisco via ports
May 16, were:—Mr. S. Shimada, a
and Mrs. M. Uchida, Mr. S. Matsui,
Zaki, Mr. Ho Moon-fong, Mr. L.
Chan-si, Mr. Chan Chuen, Mrs.
Gordon, Mr. Yu Yan-ki, Mr. Ch.
Tong, Mr. Cheung
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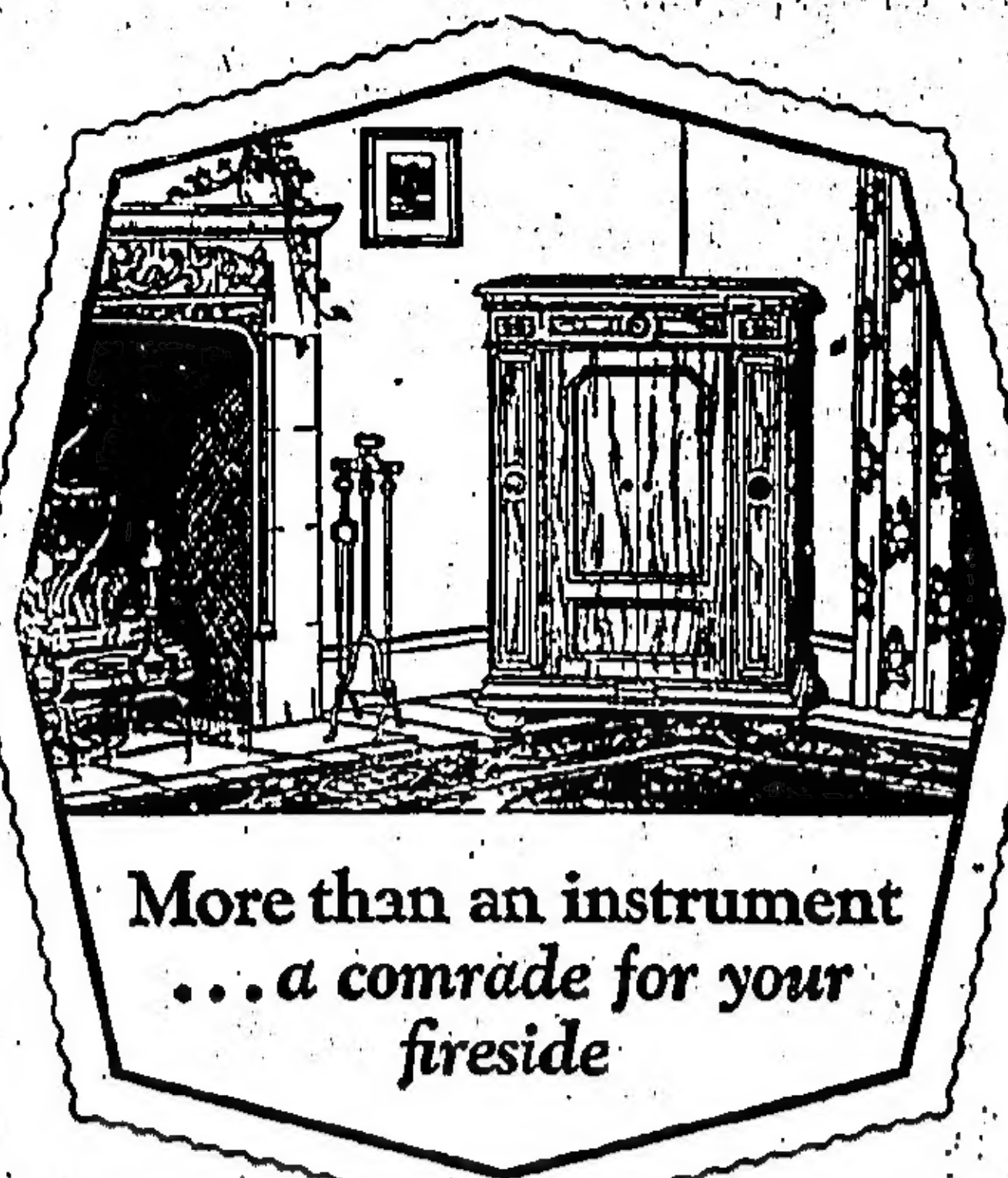
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"MY GOVERNMENT"

Mr. Eugene Chen does not seem to like being told that he is now little better than a nobody. The interview he gave to Reuter's special correspondent at Hankow reads more like the outburst of a petulant schoolboy than the utterance of a supposedly responsible statesman. He is quite unable to disguise his anger and chagrin at Sir Austen Chamberlain's biting comment. The British Foreign Secretary, it will be remembered, declared in the House of Commons last week that Mr. Chen, through the action of General Chiang Kai-shek in breaking away from the Reds, now represented himself only, and his Notes were little better than expressions of personal opinion. Sir Austen Chamberlain added that Mr. Chen had been cut off by the tide of events in ruined and terror-stricken Hankow—the Foreign Minister of a government which exists only in name. This seems to have got Mr. Chen on the raw. Hear him. "Before three months we shall conquer our way to Peking, where in the name of Nationalist China and of the Kuomintang, I shall speak in language which cannot be ignored by Sir Austen Chamberlain. The latter's reference to my Government was ludicrous and tragic in its ignorance." These are bold, not to say reckless, words, and Mr. Chen will find it hard to carry them out. Before "my Government" can conquer its way to Peking, it must first dispose of both Marshal Chang Tso-lin and General Chiang Kai-shek

—for it is to be noted that Mr. Chen sees no prospects of a rapprochement with the Nationalist commander-in-chief, since he expressly warns the British Foreign Minister against "flirting with General Chiang Kai-shek, who will not outlast the summer." The Hankow faction have no doubt achieved much in the past through propaganda, but if Mr. Chen is relying on this weapon, he is forgetting that neither Marshal Chang Tso-lin nor General Chiang Kai-shek—not to mention Marshal Wu Pei-fu, General Yang Sen, and (possibly) the new Hankow "commander-in-chief, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang himself—has any intention of letting the grass grow under his feet, and whatever may be their private military ambitions, they have but one mind upon the subject of Hankow, namely that the Reds there must be routed out before they can do any further mischief. Therefore it seems that instead of "my Government" conquering its way to Peking within three months, so that Mr. Chen can "speak in language which cannot be ignored by Sir Austen Chamberlain," we may see "my Government," which is at present little more than the shadow of a name, as Sir Austen Chamberlain described it, disappear altogether, taking with it Mr. Chen and his trumpets in the name of a Party that has disowned him before all the world.

The Entente Cordiale.

Memories of King Edward the Peacemaker are conjured up by the references to the Entente Cordiale made at a State banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of M. Doumergue, by His Majesty King George. King Edward was spared the horrors of the Great War, but nevertheless he had previously played a tremendous part in securing victory by the foundations of the Entente Cordiale which he laid at a very critical period of European politics. Even since the conclusion of the war there have been many British critics of French foreign policy as that has affected British interests. There has at times been too much eagerness to allege that France has been working in a manner inimical to Great Britain. That spirit was conspicuous during the many financial crises in France last year. Now that the financial equilibrium has been restored, and France is on the high road to a permanent econo-

mic recovery, the clouds of suspicion have automatically evaporated. To-day there is nothing to militate against a continuance of the spirit underlying the original Entente Cordiale, nothing to impair the truly splendid sentiment cementing the two great nations during the long years of war, and nothing to prevent their joining hands in an effort to rehabilitate Europe and further the cause of peace. The confidence of His Majesty King George—that France and Great Britain will bring to the great work of restoration the same spirit of mutual confidence and loyal friendship which animated them during the war—will be reflected in all their future relations. Thus will the great work of peace and friendship started by King Edward be continued in decades to come, with the happiest results both to France and Great Britain.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "REPRESENTATIVE."

MR. J. OWEN HUGHES ELECTED

Mr. J. Owen Hughes was elected as Chamber of Commerce representative on the Legislative Council at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, in proposing Mr. Owen Hughes, spoke of his own nomination by H.E. the Governor due to the departure of the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and of the vacancy thus created. Mr. Owen Hughes had been in the Colony for a great number of years and as they all knew was head of Messrs. Harry Wickling and Co. He had served on the General Committee of the Chamber several times and was Chairman in 1924. He had had considerable experience in the trade of the Colony and would make an excellent representative of the Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes seconded the resolution for the nomination of Mr. Owen Hughes and it was carried unanimously.

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. Frank Austin, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. B. M. Talati, (Individual Members), Messrs. A. V. Apcer & Co. Ltd., (Mr. D. H. Cooper), The Asiatic Petroleum Co., (China) Ltd., (Mr. J. K. Bousfield), Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., (Mr. W. S. Bailey), Messrs. Bradley & Co. Ltd., (Mr. A. Macgowan), (The British-American Tobacco Co., China, Ltd., (Mr. A. P. Bunney), Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (Mr. N. S. Brown), The Central Agency, Ltd., (Mr. Chas. E. Wallace), Messrs. Deacons (Mr. W. E. L. Shenton), Messrs. Dowdell & Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), The Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co. Ltd., (Mr. E. A. Leggett), Messrs. Fung Tang (Mr. Fung Kung-on), Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd., (Mr. L. J. Davies), Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., (Mr. C. Baker), Messrs. T. E. Griffith Ltd., (Mr. P. A. Dixon), The Hong Kong & China Gas Co. Ltd., (Mr. G. Murray), The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes), Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. P. S. Cassidy), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., (Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), The Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. A. P. Leong Hingkee & Co., (Mr. A. Leong Hingkee), The Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., (Mr. D. O. Russell), Messrs. N. S. Moses & Co., (Mr. H. Goldenburg), The Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Mr. Y. Uchida), Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland), Messrs. David Sassoon & Co. Ltd., (Mr. E. Ezra), Messrs. Stewart Bros., (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin), The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., (Mr. E. Lander), The Union Trading Co. Ltd., (Mr. S. N. Churn), The Union Waterworks Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), The United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. Harry Wickling & Co., (Mr. J. Owen Hughes).

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The crux of the whole situation unquestionably rests with London, and any improvement there would act as a tonic to Marine Insurance throughout the World. The ramifications of Underwriters in the United Kingdom extend to all lands and amongst all peoples, at present to the detriment of rates. Whilst admiring their enterprise, there are times when we cannot but feel, I speak for our local field only, that it would be better for all concerned, were they to obtain a more accurate appreciation of the risks they so lightly undertake at the lowest of rates.

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"UNSATISFACTORY."

DIRECTOR'S REFERENCE TO "CUTTING."

CANTON INSURANCE MEETING.

The "cutting" of insurance rates on the London market was the subject of reference by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman, at to-day's meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

This downward tendency of rates still continued, in even a more aggravated form than before, said Mr. Bernard, and he expressed the opinion that it were better for all concerned were they to obtain a more accurate appreciation of the risks they so lightly undertook at the lowest of rates.

Mr. Bernard was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White (Directors), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cheung-shui, Ho Leung, R. A. Dastur, A. H. M. da Silva, J. M. Alves, E. M. Raymond, C. Bernard Brown, P. S. Cassidy, L. S. Greenhill, J. H. Seth and J. T. Bagram.

The Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman said: Before commencing the business of this meeting, I wish to record the sorrow of your General Agents and Consulting Committee at the death of the late Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., which occurred on the 27th of May last year. Sir Paul Chater was actively interested in the affairs of this Company as a Member of the Consulting Committee for over 35 years. During that period the benefit of his mature experience was always at our disposal and his death was a great loss to the Company.

The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual procedure of taking them as read. It is with regret that we have to place before you what must be regarded as an indifferent Report when compared with those of the preceding eight years. We have however enjoyed good fortune in our Underwriting for some time and should not complain if our efforts do not always meet with the same success. In fact it is difficult times such as these which show Shareholders the wisdom of the conservative policy of this Company in paying fair dividends and steadily building up our reserves. Nevertheless the dividend was gradually raised from \$25 per share in 1918 to \$40, which has been paid for the past five years.

Severe Casualties.
We do not think that many officials of Marine Insurance Companies will be found to question the statement that the year 1925, now under review, was one of the worst yet recorded in the annals of Marine Underwriting. Not only did competition continue to be acute and rates of premium remain totally inadequate for the risks undertaken, but casualties, also, were more than ordinarily severe.

In addition to the foregoing, we out here have suffered severely, in what may be described as our "Home Field," by reason of the strikes and general labour unrest that, starting in Canton in June 1925, have now spread to the entire Yangtze Valley, crippling trade in every direction.

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BOY THIEF.

STOLE EUROPEAN LADY'S PURSE.

Mrs. Wilson living at the Military quarters, Kennedy Road this morning charged a washerman's boy before Major Willson with the theft of a silver purse and \$24 from her bedroom. The boy had gone to the house to collect the washing and stole the property during Mrs. Wilson's absence from the room.

The Magistrate ordered the boy to receive 12 strokes.

ASKED FOR TROUBLE.

A coolie employed at the Naval Dockyard Canton this morning charged a boy with assault. He said they occupied the same room in the servants' quarters and accused the boy of having thrown several things at him including his pillow, pillow and blanket. The boy later pleaded at him, and witness got up and took hold of a pillow intending to strike accused with it. Accused picked up a piece of the broken pillow and threw it at witness, wounding him in the head.

In dismissing the charge Mr. R. E. Lindell said the complainant asked for trouble. They both threw things at each other and accused got in the lucky shot.

Both parties were bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

FORMER KAISER.

NOT TO RETURN FOR TWO YEARS.

NATIONALIST VOLTE FACE.

Berlin, May 16.
The ex-Kaiser will not be able to re-enter Germany for at least another two years for the Reichstag has passed the second reading of a Bill prolonging for two years the protection of the



Republic, one article, which forbids the ex-ruler to re-enter German territory without the permission of the Government.
The Bill is being read a third time on May 17 or 18 when the necessary two-thirds majority can be expected owing to the volte face of the nationalists whose unexpected support of the Bill is ascribed to the fact that its rejection would probably lead to the resignation of the Government, an outcome which they are very anxious to avoid.—Reuter.

AGRICULTURE.**SUGGESTIONS BY GENEVA CONFERENCE.**

Geneva, May 16.
The economic conference agricultural committee, which has concluded its work, passed a resolution declaring that the efforts of agricultural and distributive co-operative societies should be furthered by the creation of a committee representing national and international co-operative organisations and agriculturists.
The committee also passed a resolution requesting the League of Nations to consider the results of an enquiry by the International Institute of Agriculture with a view to examining the possibility of international collaboration in respect of credits and the recovery of agriculture where there is a shortage of capital.—Reuter.

INDIAN CONGRESS.**HARMONY ON A VITAL POINT.****"COURAGEOUS ACHIEVEMENT."**

Bombay, May 16.
Congress circles are rejoicing at the communal harmony achieved in such a vital point as was revealed at the all-India executive committee of the National Congress comprising the no-changers, Swarajists, revisionists and muslims, in unanimously passing a resolution, inter alia, in favour of a joint electorate with a reservation of seats on a population basis, with mutual minority safeguards.
It is noteworthy that Motilal Nehru, Mrs. Naidu, the Ali brothers, Mr. Moonje and Dr. Ansari supported the resolution which numbers of the Congress describe as the most courageous achievement for five years.—Reuter.

INDIAN EXILE.**RELEASED ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS.**

Calcutta, May 16.
Subhas Bose, chief executive officer of the Calcutta Corporation, who was interned in Burma under the Bengal Ordinance for an alleged share in a revolutionary conspiracy, has been released in order to undergo treatment for consumption. The Government was prepared to release him for a long time provided he went to Switzerland and did not return to India till the Bengal Criminal Amendment Act expires three years hence, but Bose declined and he is now free to go unhampered, anywhere he may select.—Reuter.

OUR UNIVERSITY.

ITS BEARING ON BRITISH PRESTIGE.

EDUCATION JOURNAL ARTICLES.

Referring to the Hong Kong University in the "Education Journal" (the official organ of the Hong Kong University Education Society), Mr. H. G. Earle, M.A., in the course of an interesting article, states that its expansion appears to offer a solution of the very difficulties from which British prestige in China is now suffering.

"It is probable," he states, "that if the situation is properly handled, the University could do more than anything else to reconcile the Chinese to a British Colony at their doors and make both nations realise the advantages to be derived therefrom."

In this connection, the writer states that the following, taken from a pamphlet recently issued by the Vice-Chancellor, points the way: "Educated Chinese who have given long and patient study to the rich inheritance of their own civilisation are resentful both of comparative neglect by scholars of the West and of the quiet assumption that in all such matters the Western world must necessarily be superior. They point to the fact that while China is learning rapidly from the West, sending her students to Western Universities and studying Western subjects in her own schools, yet the West considers that a man has received a liberal education who knows nothing about the history of art, literature, and thought of the Orient."

Studying The Times.

"The University of Hong Kong started with the idea that China's greatest need was scientific and technical training—the University was to become a force in the Far East by producing qualified engineers and skilled doctors. The training of engineers and doctors is still necessary, but the University, if it is to justify its existence as the only British university in the Far East, must do far more than impart technical and professional competence. Its teachers must study critically the signs of the times, and there must be among them those who are capable of interpreting the West to China and China to the West."

"Sir Frederick Lugard, the founder of the University, did not hesitate to proclaim that upon the Colony of Hong Kong devolved the duty of upholding the name and fame of the British in the Far East. The difficulties of raising this declaration from the realm of reality are enormous, but the issue at stake is equally great. The Chinese have a traditional respect for learning, and the presence in the University of Hong Kong of British teachers engaged in the task of training young men to think out the most vital problems—political, social, financial, and domestic—with which China is now beset—would be a moral asset of incalculable imperial value."

Acute Imperial Problem.
"The Hong Kong University problem is not a problem of what should be done for the higher education of the citizens of the Colony. The Hong Kong University is at the moment an acute imperial problem."

Continuing his argument, Mr. Earle states that "in carrying out such an imperial policy the University of Hong Kong must have the support of the Universities of the Empire. It must be recognised that the universities have a part to play as well as the men of commerce, the missionaries, and the State in creating the right type of relations between the nations of the East and West."

"The University of Hong Kong has already derived considerable prestige in China from the relations which it has been possible to establish with the home universities. The recognition of the medical degrees by the General Medical Council and by the Royal Colleges; the award of honours to its engineering graduates by the University of London; the privileges of affiliation granted by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; and the recognition given to its matriculation examinations—all these have proved of inestimable value in commending the University of Hong Kong to the Chinese as the representative of British Universities in the Far East. And the creation of the Universities Bureau and the organisation of such congresses as that in which we are now taking part afford evidence of the desire of the home universities to co-ordinate in some way the work of British Universities throughout the Empire."

Other Articles.

The Education Journal, in which Mr. Earle's article appears, is a book of over a hundred pages which should be in the possession not only of every student of Chinese affairs but of all whose interests are directly or indirectly bound up with them.

Other articles include those of "Education as a Factor in Citizenship," by the Vice-Chancellor; "Educational Developments," by Prof. L. Forster; "Some Thoughts on the Life and Work of a Teacher," by E. W. Brown; "Confucius's Political Ideas," by Tseng Chao-hua; "A Short History of Chinese Educational Institutions—B.C. 225 to A.D. 220," by Tseng Chao-hua; "Education as an Educationalist," by

\$1,200,000.**COMMUNIST GENERAL'S HAUL.****HIS TROOPS NOT PAID.**

Since instructions were given by General Chien Ta-chun, Director of Operations for the North River District, to pursue the rebels under Chen Chia-yu, the Third Supplementary Battalion and the various armies have been advancing from the south of Hunan. On their way, a great number of rebels were captured who have been continuously sent back to Canton to be detained and adequately dealt with.

On the 14th inst., another batch of about 200 captives were marched to Canton. These prisoners (according to the "Canton Gazette") said that they were soldiers under Chen Chia-yu at a monthly wage of \$10 which was in arrears for five months. They were all unwilling to follow Chen in his flight, hence the riot at Shuiwan on the 1st inst. to demand arrears of pay. They also complained of Chen Chia-yu's deceit in telling them that he was starting on a Northern expedition, and said that once they discovered his rebellious action, they were so indignant that they laid down their arms and deserted as soon as they reached Chenchow, and were therefore captured by the Government troops. They further stated that according to the report of the staff officers, the amount carried away by Chen Chia-yu from the Central Bank branch at Shuiwan was over \$1,200,000, mostly in specie, which were divided into 79 pole-carriages and sent to Hengchow, Hunan, by 300 guards three days before his departure. Chen's family also left together. Chen was the last to quit Shuiwan, and, at the latest moment of his evacuation, he exacted \$100,000 more from the Chamber of Commerce as evacuation expenses.

Pacification Committee Return.

In order to tranquillise the reactionary elements in the North River district, the Military Headquarters recently despatched a number of Pacification Commissioners there including Messrs. Ho Chuen-fen, Liu Huan-chiang and Li Min-cheng who left for their destination and carried out their work after forming the Pacification Committee. Now that the reactionaries have been entirely wiped out, Mr. Liu and his colleagues returned to Canton on the 15th inst. to report to Military Headquarters on the results of the pacification work.

A FINE PRODUCTION.**THE SYDNEY "WENTWORTH MAGAZINE."**

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Woods we have been able to peruse the April number of the "Wentworth Magazine," which must take its place among the most brilliant productions of the Australian Press. It is produced and edited by Mrs. MacLurean, the proprietress of the Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, whose fame extends almost from Pole to Pole, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales danced in what has well been described as the ballroom de luxe of the Southern Hemisphere, the unrivalled dancing floor of Tasmanian blackwood testifying with each coccin triumph to the brilliant brain and cultured taste of Mrs. MacLurean.

The "Wentworth Magazine" is on a par with the hotel from which it takes its name. The illustrations are truly magnificent, and even the advertisements are printed in attractive colours. Photographs of well-known people in Australia and elsewhere are a feature, whilst the letterpress is of a high order of interest to every phase of social, mental and dramatic life. It is a remarkable shilling's worth.

SALT COLLECTORATE.

Mr. Fan Ki-nu has recently assumed office as Director of the Salt Revenue Collectorate, Canton. A notification issued by the Department of Finance reads: "By instruction of the Ministry of Finance, the resignation of Chou Lam as Director of the Salt Revenue Collectorate has been accepted and Fan Ki-mo has been appointed to succeed him."

Yueh Kwok-huen, "The Bearings of Individualism and Democracy on Education," by Kaim Wai-kul; "The Proposed Reformation of Chinese Writing," by Lau Hok-tung; "The 'Education Journal' is on sale at the Commercial Press and the University at 50 cents a copy."

4,000 TROOPS.

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The men are housed in huts 120 feet by 10 feet, each containing 32 men with two cubicles for Sergeants.

Each Company has its own kitchen, dining halls, Battalion rooms and latrines and there is one Regimental Institute containing Canteen, Restaurant, Reading Room, Games Room, Theatre and Corporals' Room.

The Officers' lines stand separate and consist of Headquarters' Mess to each Battalion, with six huts each containing five rooms and a Bath Room.

To each Battalion there is a Chunam tennis court, completely wired in, laid out in the space between the Officers' Quarters.

The Sergeants are cared for with a large mess complete to each Battalion.

Comfort And Health.

With the sole exception of two Guard Houses, two cavity wall food stores and two Institute Kitchens, which are built of brick and tiled, the complete camp is built in American pine with patent waterproof roofing, each hut having concrete floors.

The comfort and health of the men appears to have been a primary consideration. Each man has a camp bed and each is situated at a window and there is a private locker to each man.

The beer bar in the Institute should be able to accommodate all the budding Mulvaney and in case any are "put into clink, for a thundering drink, drunk and resisting the Guard," etc., the thoughtful authorities have provided Brick Guard Houses each with its strong six cells.

Considering the speed at which the work has been done and the materials available, the work is all that can be desired.

The entire cost of the Camp, including Roads, Drains, Nullahs, Electricity, etc. is stated to be in the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000—which bill has been footed by the Military authorities.

FORGED NOTES.**FORMER DOG CATCHER JAILED.**

A Chinese whom Sergt. Rozesky recognised as a dog catcher formerly employed by the Wanchai police, was this morning sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to three months' jail for the possession of a forged \$10 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. A further charge of attempting to pass the note at a food stall near the monument at Happy Valley was dismissed because the Magistrate found that there was no evidence to prove that he had actually attempted to change the note in question.

Accused was arrested on Morrison Gap Road where he dropped the note when approached by a Chinese constable. He said he had won the money gambling and tried to buy cakes with it but the stall holder did not have sufficient change. This led the police to search for the stall holder, who was an old woman. All she could say was that the note accused gave her appeared good and she would have changed it for him if she had had enough money.

RATHER CARELESS.**MAGISTRATE FINES LADY DRIVER.**

Miss de Rocha was summoned before Major Willson for driving her Essex car in a careless manner in Happy Valley on May 7.

Sergt. Hopkins said the young lady turned into Morrison Gap Road at 25 miles per hour in the midst of a lot of traffic coming from the races. The road was wet and the car skidded from side to side for a distance of 100 yards. He fully expected to see the car capsize at any moment.

Mr. J. M. Remedios, for the defence, said the lady had held a licence for only one month. She skidded because the road was wet, and being inexperienced lost control for a short while. He asked his Worship to dismiss the summons and impose a caution.

Remarking to the lady that he thought she had been rather careless, Major Willson imposed a fine of \$10.

MARKET CRASH.**PART OF THE ROOF COMES DOWN.**

The south-west portion of the roof and wall of Sheklongtun market in Hill Street collapsed at 3.40 this morning. A fire engine went to the scene from Kennedy Town but found that no one had been injured. This was explained by the fact that some coolies sleeping in the market had received warning of the impending collapse by the cracking of some of the beams, and immediately evacuated the place. The rest of the building is being shored up.

Shadows Before.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."****Entertainments.**

May 17—Queen's Theatre: "The Auction Block."

May 17—Star Theatre: The Wilbur Players present their opening performance with "Do Foolish Wives Pay?" at 9.15 p.m.

May 17—Star Theatre: "The Ice Flood."

May 17—World Theatre: "Track in the Snow Country."

May 17—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.; exhibition dancing, 8.30 p.m.

May 17—Isako's European Circus, Hungghom, Kowloon.

May 18—Postponed Exhibition Tennis Match in aid of M.C.L., 4 p.m.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club hold function in aid of Hospital Comforts Fund.

May 28-29—Second extra Race Meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

Auctions.

May 18—Auction of household furniture by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 23, Humphreys Bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

May 21, 23—Ladies' dress wear, and sundries, Messrs. Lammet Bros. Sales Room, 10.30 a.m.

May 23—Household furniture, 4, Armand Bldg., Kowloon, by Messrs. Lammet Bros. 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 17—Adjourned meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. Branch), 67 Des Voeux Rd., 5 p.m.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 17—Last debate of St. Peter's Young Men's Club, at Club House, 8.30 p.m.

May 17—Miss Capell and her J-Pans give entertainment at Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

May 17—"The Squakettes" hold whist drive and concert at City Hall, 7 p.m.

May 18—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

May 19—Smoking concert for members of Easma Aescn., Club premises, 9 p.m.

NOTICE.**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 4th June and MONDAY, 6th June, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 23rd May, 1927.

Hong Kong, 17th May, 1927.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Messrs. Lammert Brothers advertise an auction of furniture at 4 Arment Buildings, Kowloon, on Monday, at 2.45 p.m.

This is the centenary year of the Glasgow Royal Exchange, and the celebrations will be chiefly distinguished by a visit in July from His Majesty the King.

German, Austrian, Turkish, and other ex-enemy firms can now be admitted as members of the London Chamber of Commerce at the discretion of the Council.

A large quantity of ladies' dress wear and sundries will be sold by auction by Messrs. Lammert Brothers at their sales room, Duddell Street, on Saturday and Monday.

The Squeakettes will give a Matinee Performance at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, May 26, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets 50 cents each may be booked at the Secretary's office.—Adv.

Mr. W. C. Lyle, the Australian golf professional, who has been giving coaching lessons locally, is in the Government Civil Hospital, but hopes to be well by the end of the week.

A Gibraltar message reads: Telephonic communication having now been established with Madrid, the City Council hopes to be able within three months to arrange for direct communication with England.

Commenting acidly on the departure for home of the editor of a morning contemporary a Shanghai organ announces that he left by "His Majesty's Ship 'Chenonceaux'." (Is this a free passage proposition?) No doubt, remarks the "Shanghai Mercury," the French Mail (Messageries Maritimes) will ask its Government to protest over this violent seizure of one of its crack liners by the brutal British Imperialists!

The Roman Baths of Bath are about to be scheduled by His Majesty's Office of Works, acting on the recommendation of the Ancient Monuments Board, as a monument of national importance. They will remain under the control of the Corporation of Bath, whose energies in the eighties, when the extensive excavations were carried out, disclosed the remains hidden for some thirteen centuries, and again, during the past year or two, by further excavations, opened additional baths and hypocausts to view.

The fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the Prince's Building and Land Co., Ltd., will be held at the Company's office, Prince's Building on Tuesday, May 31, at 4 p.m.

Silk forwarded from Hong Kong by the "Empress of Russia" on April 20 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on May 12, having been 22 days in transit.

The body of a headless Chinese child was picked up near the scene of the "Leung Kwong" tragedy yesterday by a Water Police launch patrolling in that area. The roll of victims recovered now numbers 26.

June 14 this year is the 150th anniversary of the designing of the American Flag by Betsy Ross, a Scotswoman, of 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia. There are many Scotsmen and Americans who do not know who it was who was responsible for the flag of the Stars and Stripes, and I should like to see all Scotsmen in the United States taking a special interest in the memory of Betsy Ross next flag day, writes a member of the Caledonian Club of New York City in an Edinburgh paper.

Members of St. Peter's Young Men's Club, with friends, to the total number of nearly a hundred, spent an enjoyable evening yesterday at the first summer function which took the form of a moonlight bathing picnic. Big Wave Bay was the locality chosen and there was ample time for bathing there prior to the return to Hong Kong and Kowloon before midnight. Tonight, the Club holds its last debate of the season at the Club House at 8.30, the motion being "that modern fashions in dress are better than those of our grandparents." Tomorrow evening, another whist drive is to take place at the Cathedral Hall at 8.30 p.m.

To sit cosily in a large London cinema and be swung away to the delights and adventures of Japan befell me the other evening, when the N.Y.K. travel film "To the Sunny East" was shown at the Philharmonic Hall to a large and keenly interested audience, writes the London correspondent of a Liverpool paper. These pleasure cruises run from London to Yokohama every fortnight, and are carried out by the large, modern liners of the famous Japanese line. The "Haruna Maru" was the ship chosen for the leading role in the film, and the points touched in the journey included some of the most fascinating corners of the East. The cruises are very carefully planned, and the "all-in" charge really provides a cheap holiday.

The forty-ninth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Tuesday June 7, at noon.

A smoking concert for members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association will be held at the Club premises on Thursday evening, beginning at nine o'clock. The "Titanic" band will be present in addition to other artists.

Miss V. Capell and her J-Pans are giving an entertainment at the Seamen's Institute this evening, at 8.30 p.m., and the "Squeakettes" are holding a whist drive and giving a concert at the City Hall this evening, beginning at seven o'clock.

Building tenders will shortly be invited for the proposed new British Embassy at Washington, which is expected to be one of the finest structures of its kind in the world. Latest details to hand show that the building will cost about \$700,000 (£140,000).

A ship's bell, valued at £200, and cast at the famous White-chapel Bell Foundry, has been presented to Captain David Bone, the commander of the Anchor liner "Transylvania." The bell was gifted by Mr. Van Leer Black, a distinguished American citizen, and when it was being cast a quaint ceremony was performed, the donor tossing a coin for luck into the glowing mass.

In view of the considerable publicity given to the laws dealing with the Church in the constitution of Mexico and the part that the United States of America has played in the latest developments, a booklet on this question which has been received from the Mexican Consul in Hong Kong is of considerable interest. The title of the booklet is "The Mexican People and the Church" and it is written by Arturo M. Elias, Consul-General of Mexico in the United States. In the course of his review, the writer states that "knowing something of the traditions which actuate the political life of the people of the United States, I have no fear that they will reach any conclusion that in the remotest degree will be inimical to the struggle that Mexico is making to establish a social and political system which will bring the largest possible freedom and the greatest possible richness of life, not to a few, but to all of her people."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Lady Drummond Hay was among the passengers sailing for the North yesterday in the s.s. "Fushimi Maru."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of James Howden Hume (engineer), of Shanghai, to Kathleen D. MacFarlane, of Glasgow.

Lord Bellef, a bachelor of 70, married at St. Mary-of-the-Angels, Paddington, the bride he met during a world tour six months ago—Mrs. Elaine Carlisle-Dodd, a wealthy widow, of Johannesburg. She is dark, good-looking, and 40.

Passengers arriving yesterday from Vancouver and Northern ports included Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Captain A. R. Barles, Lieut.-Comdr. C. B. Elbrow, Major P. Hayes, Lieut. G. Morrison, and the Company of Wilbur Players, who open at the Star Theatre this evening.

Lord Carnegie, the eldest son of the Earl of Southesk and husband of Princess Maud, has established at Ellick Farm, Kincardineshire, a herd of pedigree Ayrshire cows, all of which have passed the tuberculosis test. From a dairy equipped on the latest scientific and hygienic lines he is supplying "Grade A" milk to Aberdeen and Stonehaven by motor vans. Lord Carnegie contemplates adding pig-breeding and poultry-keeping to his dairy-farming operations.

An historic pageant, it is announced, is to be held in the grounds of Craigmillar Castle on July 14, 15, and 16. The pageant will take place while the King and Queen are in residence in Holyrood, and Their Majesties have graciously consented to be present on the afternoon of Thursday, the opening day, at 8.30 p.m. The proceeds of the pageant are to go to the funds of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. The grounds of Craigmillar Castle have been lent for the occasion by Brigadier-General Sir Robert Gordon Gilmour.

The "Soir" states that Charles Chaplin, the film comedian, is quitting the United States and establishing a film studio in France.

The death is announced of M. Rioteau, the doyen of the French Senate. M. Rioteau, who was born in 1837, and became well known as a shipbuilder, was elected deputy in 1876 and senator in 1906.

So many beautiful and famous women have been sitting to equally famous painters that it looks like being an especially interesting "portrait" Academy this year. Heading the list, of course, is Mr. Jack's striking study of Queen Mary, wearing a magnificent Court gown of gold tissue, the train of which is lined with blue brocade. Her Majesty's choice of jewels includes the inimitable Koh-i-noor, ropes of diamonds and pearls, pearl earrings, and a pearl and diamond diadem. The same artist has painted Lady Marjorie Erskine, Lady Phyllis Macrae, and Lady Greenaway. Mrs. Flora Lion will contribute a legal portrait of Lady Grey of Falloden in a velvet gown. A notable stage study will be that of Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson in her "Berkeley-Square" role, the artist being the Hon. John Collier.

Lord Huntingfield, who is Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, is likely to be one of the busiest of his confraternity this session, owing to the protracted tussle, assured by the Committee stage of the Films Bill. A Parliamentary private Secretary is a M.P. who volunteers to be his chief's alter ego, attending Standing Committees to assist his Chief in the passage of Bills, and seeing that his Chief is in the House of Commons Debating Chamber when required. Many distinguished men have found these positions. Sir Herbert Samuel, and his cousin, the late Hon. Edward Montagu, who both subsequently held Cabinet office, started by being the alter ego of the present Earl of Oxford. Mr. Davidson, the Chairman of the Unionist Organisation, acted similarly for Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Baldwin, while the latter himself emerged from the back benches in order to become Mr. Bonar Law's P.P.S. when the latter was Chancellor of the Exchequer during the war.

The King and Queen visited Lord Rosebery at The Durdans, Epsom. Their Majesties stayed about an hour and a half, and then drove to Epsom Downs to see the new grandstand.

The death has occurred at Ilford of Mr. Ardesheer Kapadia, barrister-at-law, who defended Mrs. Dyer, the notorious baby farmer, in 1896, at the Old Bailey. Mr. Kapadia married an Englishwoman, who died at Hastings in 1925. He had visited her grave every week-end.

With Sir Hugh Clifford leaving Ceylon to take up his post of Governor of the Straits Settlements in succession to Sir Laurence Guillemard, it is understood that Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, will fill the post of Officer Administering the Government of Ceylon. Mr. Fletcher was appointed Colonial Secretary of Ceylon in January, 1926, and assumed his duties in various capacities in the Civil Service of Hong Kong, where he acted as Colonial Secretary on several occasions. He returned to Ceylon from long leave early this year.

Mlle. Cecile Sorel, Countess de Segur, and Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen have been staying at Nice, and there appears to be a certain rivalry between them (says the "Evening Standard"). A few days ago there was an entertainment for the benefit of men mutilated in the war and both ladies promised to take part. But whether or not they finally shrank from so public a test of their respective popularity, they both pleaded sudden indisposition at the last moment and failed to appear. Mlle. Sorel sent 500 francs for the charity, and Mlle. Lenglen sent the racket with which she won the championship of France, which was put up to auction, and fetched 3,500 francs. The question is, which scored. The supporters of Mlle. Lenglen urge that she contributed the larger sum to charity, but the supporters of Mlle. Sorel retort that Mlle. Lenglen gets her rackets from the makers for nothing.

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Kent Defeats North Hants.

HARDINGE'S BAD LUCK.

Benefit Match For George Collins.

London, May 16.

The match between Kent and Northamptonshire, which was commenced at Chatham on Saturday, was concluded to-day, the local Club winning by an innings and 73 runs.

The visitors went to the wicket first, but did nothing very remarkable, the whole side being dismissed for 145 runs, towards which Walden, who scored 51, was the only batsman to make anything of Wright's deadly deliveries, the latter taking five wickets for 60 runs.

[Last season Wright took 101 wickets in the county championship. He is a fast right-arm bowler, and a native of Bostall, near Rochester.]

Kent replied with 370 runs. Hardinge, who secured seven centuries last season, had rough luck in being stumped when he required only one to complete his century. Collins scored 52, not out.

Clark took five wickets for 113 and Nicholson four for 69.—Reuter.

The match was a benefit one for George Collins, the Gravesend right-arm fast bowler who, in 1922, captured all ten wickets for Kent in the second innings of Notts at Dover for 65 runs. In more recent years he has been more useful to the county as a bowler. It may be recalled that quite a flutter was caused in the dovecotes of county cricket last year by an announcement that Kent had intimated to their three leading professionals, Seymour, Hubble, and Collins, that their services might not be required regularly during the 1927 season.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PORTUGUESE CLUB'S FIRST MEETING.

The Portuguese Rifle Club which was recently formed, met for the first time at the Peak Range on Sunday, and some good shooting resulted.

The Club Lusitano has kindly presented a silver cup for competition among the members, and silver spoons presented by the P.R.C. were also competed for.

Eight teams of four men competed, the winning team being Pte. H. J. Silva, Pte. F. R. Ribeiro, Pte. G. Ribeiro, and Pte. A. Barreto.

The two best individual scores, for which silver spoons were also presented, were won by Pte. F. R. Ribeiro and Pte. F. P. Siqueira.

The Club had the assistance of C.S.M. Slatery, of the K.O.S.B., who has taken a great interest in its activities.

RACING.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY NEXT.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the fourth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held on June 4 and 6 can be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Jockey Club stables.

Entries close on Monday, May 23.

GOLF PROFESSIONAL ILL.

Mr. W. C. Lyle, the Australian golf professional, is at present suffering from indisposition which has necessitated his admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Lyle hopes to be able to resume his lessons from next week-end.

H. S. Bamlett, late of Middlesbrough, and formerly a well-known referee, has been appointed manager of Manchester United F.C.

Pattinson, the Kirkcaldy cricketer, is to be playing for his old team, Nairn, this season, but will assist Fifeshire, if called on, in the county games.

LAWN TENNIS.

Rumjahns Win Open Doubles.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

New Challenge Cups Offered.

By defeating T. Honda and H. Akiyama in the final of the open doubles championship on the Hong Kong C.C. ground, S.A. and H.D. Rumjahns have carried off this event for three years in succession and have won the Ho Fook Challenge Cups outright.

The match went to the Rumjahns in straight sets and, as was expected, they were hardly extended, except perhaps in the first set which was taken to twelve games, with the Japanese pair leading at 4-3.

In the early stages of the game, Honda was effective with his flashing cross-court drives, but by better combination the Rumjahns soon asserted themselves.

H. D. Rumjahns was not as accurate and steady as in his wont, but brought off some hard smashing when ever he got the chance.

His partner (S. A. Rumjahns, the new singles champion) played a very restrained game for him, being content to profit from the mistakes of his opponents rather than exert himself.

Akiyama gained many points by beautiful smashing, but had a weak back-hand stroke which did not take the Indians long to discover.

The Rumjahns played on his weak spot most of the time with the result that Akiyama often lobbed past the base-line or failed to return the ball to his opponents' side of the court.

The first two games of the first set, which went to the Rumjahns, were uneventful, both pairs driving from the base-line. After being down love 30 in the third game on his own service, Honda gained several points by hard and accurate driving. Akiyama backed up by the Japanese took the game. Losing the next to love, Honda and his



S. A. Rumjahns.

partner won three games off the reel and raised the hopes of their supporters. The next two games, however, went to the Indians, who were then leading by 5-4. The Japanese equalised matters, but were outclassed in the following two games, losing the set at 7-5.

The Indians appeared to have the match well in hand by this time. They ran off with a 5-2 lead in the second set but dropped the next two games. The tenth game went to the Rumjahns to love on H.D.'s service, the score of this set being 6-4.

The Indians took the first four games of the third set but had to fight hard for the second game



H. D. Rumjahns.

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T. Honda.

couraged and went on to take the next two games. Each pair then won a game, the set going to the Rumjahns at 6-4.

Umpires Thanked.

In the course of his speech at the conclusion of the match, Mr. T. E. Pearce thanked those who so kindly officiated as umpires during the tournament, especially mentioning Mr. R. E. Lindell and Mr. H. E. Nisbel.

He congratulated the new singles champion, Mr. S. A. Rumjahns and remarked that he would be difficult to beat for another few years.

Mr. Pearce made the welcome announcement that a certain gentleman had generously offered to present two Challenge Cups for the open doubles to replace the Ho Fook Cups which have been won by Messrs. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahns.

These present were reminded of the exhibition matches on Wednesday afternoon in aid of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League.

Miss E. Harston distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Tournament Winners.

Open championship—singles. Challenge Cup presented by the late Sir Paul Chater, K.L.C.M.G., to be won three years in succession:—Winner, S. A. Rumjahns; runner-up, Ng Sze-kwong.

Open championship doubles. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mr. Ho Fook, to be won three years in succession:—Winners, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahns (1925, 1926, 1927); runners-up, T. Honda and H. Akiyama.

Open Championship Singles.—Winner, S. A. Rumjahns; runner-up, Ng Sze-kwong.

Open Championship Doubles.—Winners, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahns; runners-up, T. Honda and H. Akiyama.

Handicap Singles, "A"—Winner, G. W. Sewell (love 4/6); runner-up, L. M. S. Lloyd (love 4/6).

Handicap Singles, "B"—Winner, R. G. Wilkerson (love 1/6); runner-up, J. R. Collis (love 6/6).

Handicap Doubles.—Winners, S. E. and D. S. Green (love 3/6); runners-up, E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (love 1/6).

Mixed Doubles.—Winners, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (love 15/8); runners-up, H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Hall (love 1/6).

In the semi-final of the Club Championship, S. E. Green qualified to meet G. W. Sewell by defeating Major W. B. Stevenson, 8-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

To-day's Final Tie.

The final of the Club singles championship between S. E. Green and G. W. Sewell will be played on the standard court to-day, commencing at 4.15 p.m. Mr. S. E. Green is the 1925 and 1926 holder of this event.

DON'TS FOR DOUBLE FAULTERS.

In his book, "Lawn Tennis," Major Rendall, the Gleneagles coach, goes much deeper into the science of the game than the usual run of tennis instructors. Here is what he has to say about the service—what might be called "inverted don'ts" for double-faulters:—

The general principles may be summarised as follows:—

1. The weight of body balance is kept forward towards the ball throughout.

2. The body and arm and racket are kept lined on the ball and not allowed to "spread" or sway off the true line.

3. After the ball is released the position of the left arm remains relatively the same with respect to the body until the end of the follow-through.

4. At the completion of the stroke the body is twisted left across the left leg.

5. The left foot (toe and heel) is anchored throughout the stroke.

6. The pace of the service depends on swinging body weight on the ball.

7. The racket should never meet the ball on the right side of the body.

8. Lobs and How to Deal with Them.

On the job, that most criticised of strokes, Major Rendall has the following to say:—

We take it quite definitely that a tennis player is not complete until he can lob well. The ball which frustrates the opponent by passing over his head may render as much valuable service as one which passes him laterally. And although lobbing is an auxiliary of the game, and must not be allowed to supplant the drive in any way, many occasions do arise in which the lob is the right answer to the opponent's stroke.

You should not, therefore, dismiss the study of lobs as being unworthy of your consideration. It is a legitimate extra to be held in reserve, and applied on the appropriate occasion.

Following are some examples of the circumstances in which lobs may be used with advantage:—

1. When it is not practicable to pass a volleyer by driving.

2. When it is evident that the volleyer finds little difficulty at the net in cutting off your drives.

3. To make time.

4. When the sun or wind is favourable to lobbing in particular.

5. To exhaust an opponent.

There is also the question of how best to run back to a lob that has passed you and take it. On this point the author says:—

Most players, including some otherwise first-class ones, are hopelessly obscure upon this point. The wrong method is, of course, to run back on the line of the ball. It is the old, old story of hugging the ball, keeping too close to it, getting entangled with it, and being afraid of losing touch with it.

A "Blind" Shot.

Not infrequently you will see the player running back so closely on the ball that when he gets up to it he has to try to hit it backwards over his head. This is an extremely difficult thing to do, and it is quite unnecessary. If the effort is successful, it is by pure chance, since it is a blind shot and therefore guesswork. It is what is known as a "trick" shot, and trick shots should be viewed with suspicion. They sometimes impress the spectators, and they are sometimes meant to, but that is all.

As soon as you have attained a reasonable efficiency in tennis (Major Rendall continues), you will have to turn your attention to consideration of pace control. The moment for doing so may be said to have arrived when your ability to maintain court position, use your feet, and make strokes is sufficiently reliable to keep up rallies. You want to beat the fellow opposite. Hitherto you may have supposed that, having learnt to hit the ball with the maximum of force and keep it in the court, your tennis education would be complete.

The facts are otherwise. Ability to hit hard is not the only requisite in tennis any more than it is in golf. In the latter game I need hardly point out that one does not take a driver on the putting green. And in tennis there are occasions when to hit hard is to court destruction.

The Most Artistic Shot in Tennis.

The "slow pass," used under certain conditions, is the best illustration of changing pace which I can think of. It is employed, as one would suppose, against the volleyer.

It seems to me one of the most artistic shots that can be made in tennis, demanding, as it does, cool and steady nerves and a delicate touch. Indeed, one can liken it to an iron hand in a velvet glove. The pleasure derived from bringing off this coup, or from seeing it played, seems due to the fact that the stroke is gentle and yet offensive. This is how it operates:—

Suppose the opposing volleyer to be serving, and that he follows his service to the net. He has been dealing with hard drives from you. To cut off these drives he has had to follow up his service and race to the net. This is a perfectly correct procedure on his part.

But you may turn it to his disadvantage. Wait a fraction of time more than usual before making your stroke. Then make it with a low trajectory down the nearest side line. The strength of the stroke should be just sufficient to get past him. How it succeeds is as follows:—

A volleyer coming to the net has to hold himself together in such a manner that at the psychological moment he can throw himself at the quickly-travelling ball. At this moment he "spreads" himself. Now, in the case under review his own impetus seems to be his undoing. The spring is released, timed to intercept a hard drive; but the latter does not arrive. Before the spring can be recoiled, the slow drive passes the volleyer. It needs to be seen to be properly understood, for the essence of success depends on a perfect time-judgment.

KWONG CHOW WAN.

CANTON MEETING DEMANDS RETURN.

FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT.

The return of Kwong Chow Wan by the French was urged at a mass meeting held in Canton last week. There were present at this meeting Government officials, party and military leaders, and the representatives of over one hundred organisations in addition to a big gathering of people including labourers, peasants and students. Altogether there were about 20 people present.

A statement issued by the Canton Foreign Office appeared in the Canton paper which we quote as follows:—

On the 29th of last month our reporter had an interview with Pang Lu-tung, Secretary of the Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office, and asked him what projects the Foreign Office had in hand for the immediate future. In reply Mr. Pang gave him the following account.

A despatch was received some days ago from the Provincial Government of Kwong Tung instructing us to have Kwong Chow Wan resumed without any delay. Every preparation is being made by this Office for the purpose, and I have had permission from Secretary Ko (Shing Yuen) to give you a brief account of my views on the subject.

Kwong Chow Wan was leased to France in 1898. An important Clause of the Treaty made it clear that France had no right to give it up to any other country. This proves that the sovereignty of this territory still appertains to China. From the legal aspect there are three main points to be considered in the resumption of Kwong Chow Wan.

(1) The Powers claimed from the Chinese leases of various territories on the pretext of maintaining the balance of power. Therefore Kiaochow was leased to Germany, Wei-hai-wei to England, Port Arthur and Tsingtao to Russia and Kwong Chow Wan to France. Kiaochow is now no longer in the hands of Germany, nor Port Arthur in the hands of Russia. Thus the previous talk about maintaining the balance of power cannot continue to have any weight.

(2) Disputes about the acquiring of leases to territory in China have led to wars between the various Powers. In 1904 Russia proposed to construct a railway linking up Ta Lien Wan with the Siberian Railway, and the Russo-Japanese War ensued. In 1914 war broke out between Japan and Germany on account of Tsingtao. It is imperative therefore in the interest of peace in the Far East that all leased territory should be resumed.

(3) The Powers have made use of their leased territories in China as spheres of influence for their own profit. These spheres of influence for private profit constitute a serious breach of the spirit of the "open-door" policy frequently advocated by the Powers.

These remarks treat the subject from the judicial and political points of view. Now let me tell you what is the actual attitude of France at present towards Kwong Chow Wan. In 1921 when the representatives of various Powers discussed at the Washington Conference the question of leased territories in China, Viviani, the representative of France, declared that the French Government would most willingly return Kwong Chow Wan to China on the conditions that (1) the various Powers should also return their leased territories to China when Kwong Chow Wan was returned by France, and (2) adequate protection should be assured to all property of the subjects of France in Kwong Chow Wan after its return.

At that time the Japanese representative also voiced the attitude of Japan. He said that negotiations were going on between China and Japan for the return of Kiaochow, but that as Japan had special economic interests in Ta Lien Wan she was not in a position to return it. On the same occasion the British representative stated clearly that Kowloon could not be returned, as it was closely related with Hong Kong, and without it, Hong Kong would be defenceless, but that England would most willingly return Wei-hai-wei.

After the three representatives had expressed their opinions, France, in view of the difference of opinion among the various Powers, proposed that the question of Kwong Chow Wan be held

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 17, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	111 7/8	111 7/8	111 7/8
T.T. on Shanghai	79 3/4	78 1/4	nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	106 5/8	106 5/8	106 5/8
do. London	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Chartered Bank	220	220	220
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230	230	230
do. C.	213 3/4	213 3/4	213 3/4
P. & O. Bank	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Bank of East Asia	68	68	68
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	560	560	560
China Underwriters	80 cts	80 cts	80 cts
North China Insurance	143	143	143
Union Insurance	202	202 1/2	202
Yangtze Insurance	38 M. n	38	38
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205	205	205
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	600	600
Shipping.			
Douglases	31	31	31
Hongkong Steamboats	21 1/2	22	21 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	1.10	1.10
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	38 1/2	40	40
Shell Transports	94	94 1/2	94 1/2
Star Ferries	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Water-boats	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Refineries.			
China Sugars	19	18 3/4	18 3/4
Malayan Sugars	31	31	31
Mining.			
Benguet	1.70	1.70	1.70
Kallian Mining Ad.	38	38	38
Langkats (Combined)	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
do. (Single)	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	14	14	14
Shanghai Loan	7	7	7
Raub	4	4	4
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, &c.			
H.K. & W. Docks	98	98	98
H.K. & W. Docks	38	38	38
Hongkew	135	135	135
New Engineerings	5	5	5
Shanghai Docks	104 1/2	105	104 1/2
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.05	7.05	7.05
Hongkong Lands	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Hongkong Realty	6	6	6
H.K. Territories	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4
Oriental	2	2	2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
do. (new)	27	26 1/2	26
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	7.10	7	7
do. (old)	6	6	6
do. (new)	1	1	1
China Buses	7	7	7
China Lights (comb.)	13.70	13 1/2	13 1/2
do. (old)	9.10	9 1/2	9 1/2
do. (new)	6.10	6	6
China Prov.	4.45	4 1/2	4.40
Dairy Farms	15 1/2	15	15
Der A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusements	19	19	19
H.K. Constructions	2.30	2.30	2.40
Hongkong Electricity	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	20.40	20.10	20.20
Lane, Crawford	7	7	7
Macao Electric	35	35	35
Mackintosh	10 1/2	10	10
Nanyang Tobacco	9.10	9	9
Peak Trams (old)	15	15	15
do. (new)	8	8	8
Sinceres	9	9	9
Singapore Trams	10/6	10/6	11/6
Taxis	1	1	65 Cts
United Asbestos	600	600	600
(Ordinary)	20	18	18
Watsons	11	11	11
Wm. Powells	6	6	5
H.K. Telephones	3.70	3 1/2	3 1/2

in abeyance for further consideration in the future.

From the judicial and political points of view, we have, I conclude, good reasons for insisting on the resumption of Kwong Chow Wan. And judging by the actual attitude of France I infer that she is not entirely loth to return it. The Foreign Office will seize the first opportunity of raising the question with France, and will not rest until the resumption is an accomplished fact. I hope that all publicists and the Press will do their best to advocate this policy, so that the whole Chinese people may be roused to lend their unanimous support to the Government in the matter.

HONG KONG'S HEALTH.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, was notified in the city yesterday.

Last week there were 16 cases of enteric fever, one German and the rest Chinese. Six of the cases were fatal. Five were notified in the city, ten in Kowloon and one in the New Territory.

Last week there were also four cases of small pox, all Chinese, two in Victoria and two in Kowloon. There were two deaths.

One fatal case of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese, was also notified. This was from outside the Colony.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 17th May 1927.

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Documentary, 4 months sight	8/1-1/16	
On Paris—		
On demand—	...	1235
Credit, 4 months sight—	...	1310
On Berlin—		
On demand—	...	nom.
On New York—		
On demand—	...	48 1/2
Credit, 60 days' sight—	...	50 1/4
On Bombay—		
Wire—	...	132 1/2
On demand—	...	132 1/2
On Calcutta—		
Wire—	...	123 1/2
On demand—	...	123 1/2
On Singapore—		
On demand—	...	68
On Manila—		
On demand—	...	67 1/2
On Shanghai—	...	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)—	...	nom.
On Yokohama—		
On demand—	...	101
lowest rates (Bank's buying rate)	...	\$9.70
per cent per annum—	...	22-1/16
Bar silver in Hongkong—	...	par.
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RADIO TOPICS

BROADCASTING.

THE WONDER OF THE
VALVE.

TOUCHSTONE OF ROMANCE.

How many hundreds of thousands, or millions, of wireless valves are turned out each year by the manufacturers I do not know and I have no means of finding out; but it will be a great pity if mere numbers—seeing them on every hand—cause us to regard them as no more wonderful than bottles or Christmas tree ornaments, writes a special correspondent of the "Observer." Looked at with an understanding eye, a wireless valve is seen to be filled with the most exciting and jolly kind of romance. Apart altogether from the delicacy of touch and the instrumental pre-

simulation of music which is being performed, fifty, a hundred, a thousand miles away.

Further Progress.

Wonderful as is the wireless valve in its present form, and efficient as it undoubtedly is, it is still being developed. Recently I have been experimenting with two very wonderful examples which have come to me from Germany. One consists of two high frequency amplifying valves made up in one "bottle" the other consists of a detector, low frequency amplifier and output valve, similarly made up in one bulb. With these two multi-

THE NEXT STEP.

Broadcasting Throughout The Empire.

London, April 26.
The "Daily News" experiments with short wave wireless transmission at the Daventry Broadcasting Station have shown that it may soon be possible to broadcast practically throughout the Empire.

This possibility is now being seriously explored.



William D. Terrell, who has been chief radio supervisor for navigation, and who has been appointed director of the newly created independent radio division of the Department of Commerce. Mr. Terrell's division will have charge of the execution of the decisions of the newly appointed radio commission.

cision which is required in their manufacture, the way in which it functions, as a whole, is a thing at which to wonder. Consider, first of all, the violent agitation of the atoms which go to make up the heated filament. We can think of these atoms as each a minute solar system, consisting of a number of "electrons"—almost infinitely small masses of negative electricity—revolving in a well-defined orbit.

The "Grid."

Heating the filament disturbs these orbits and some of the electrons are thrown out, some of them right out of the mass of the filament. Normally they would fall back on to the filament to replace others that have been thrown out. But, by the battery connections in our circuit, we have made the plate of the valve positive. The negative electrons fly to positive plate. They are replaced by negative electrons from the high tension battery, and round goes the electric current, full circle. Having started the current we can control it by means of the "grid," which acts as a kind of gate, letting now more, now fewer, electrons flow, obedient to the intensity of the incoming signals, their starting and stopping. Because a very small amount of energy on the grid will control a comparatively large current flow between the filament and the plate, and can use the valve to amplify. Because a certain kind of metal, when heated, will throw off some of the electrons which make up its minute atoms, we can fill a room with an almost exact

simulation of music which is being performed, fifty, a hundred, a thousand miles away.

valves, two variable condensers and two high frequency transformers I have made up a set which gives quite wonderfully good reproduction from the local and one or two other stations. The results are not so good as I get from my standard four valve set; but they are much better than one hears from the average set. For local reception one valve only need be used.

Lean Pockets.

The majority of listeners in this country are content to use only the transmissions from their local station, or, if they are not content, they have to use one station only, because they are provided with apparatus that is not suited for long-distance reception. The B.B.C. realises this, and has always done its best to cater for the man with the lean

to enjoy good loud-speaker reception with simple two or three-valve sets. That is the goal towards which those who have the best interests of broadcasting at heart are striving.

"Daventry Junior." A new situation has arisen with regard to the first of the regional stations, that known as "Daventry Junior." It was to have used a wave-length of about 400 metres. But the Cork station has settled on that spot in the broadcasting spectrum, and now that it is in full operation is being heard as far east as Crewe and Leicester. There are a good many other stations working round about that wave-length, and it appears that the new high-power station will have to choose some less congested spot if its tests are to be at all useful in the highly technical matters which have to be considered.

HORN BLOWING UP-TO-DATE.

The inestimable value of Radio in the commercial world is excellently represented by an incident which occurred recently.

The Sparks-Withington Co., of America, introduced a new motor horn known as "The Chimes," and it proved so excellent that they were anxious for it to be heard immediately in England by Messrs. Graham Amplion, Ltd., who manufacture Spartan motor horns in that country under Sparks-Withington patents.

Mr. H. G. Sparks, of the Sparks-Withington Co., consequently rang up Messrs. Graham Amplion, Ltd., by transatlantic radio telephone, and after an exchange of greetings proceeded to operate "The Chimes" with the result that the true sound of the new motor horn was heard perfectly in London by Mr. W. H. Lynas, Managing Director of Graham Amplion, Ltd.

This is no doubt the first time in history that a motor horn sounded in the United States has been heard in Europe.

2,235,000 RADIO LICENCES.

The Postmaster-General, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, stated



Members of the newly appointed Federal Radio Commission. Left to right: H. H. Bellows, J. F. Dillon, E. O. Sykes, and O. H. Caldwell. Rear-Admiral William H. G. Bullard, Chairman of the Commission is in China, but will arrive home soon to function with the Commission.

pocket and the low power. To the end that the best possible reception may be obtained with the simplest apparatus, the regional scheme is to be put into working order as soon as possible. Meanwhile there is the beginning of an agitation against this scheme, fostered by owners of high-power apparatus and certain interests which would not like to see the eclipse of those receivers which are designed to bring in the very distant station. Broadcasting is the amusement of the million, and any attempt to confine the best that it can give to a kind of heavy-pursued aristocracy, whose badge is a coronet of valves, must be nipped in the bud. Valve apparatus is getting cheaper, slowly but surely, and with the coming of the regional scheme many folk who are now confined to a crystal set and headphones will be able

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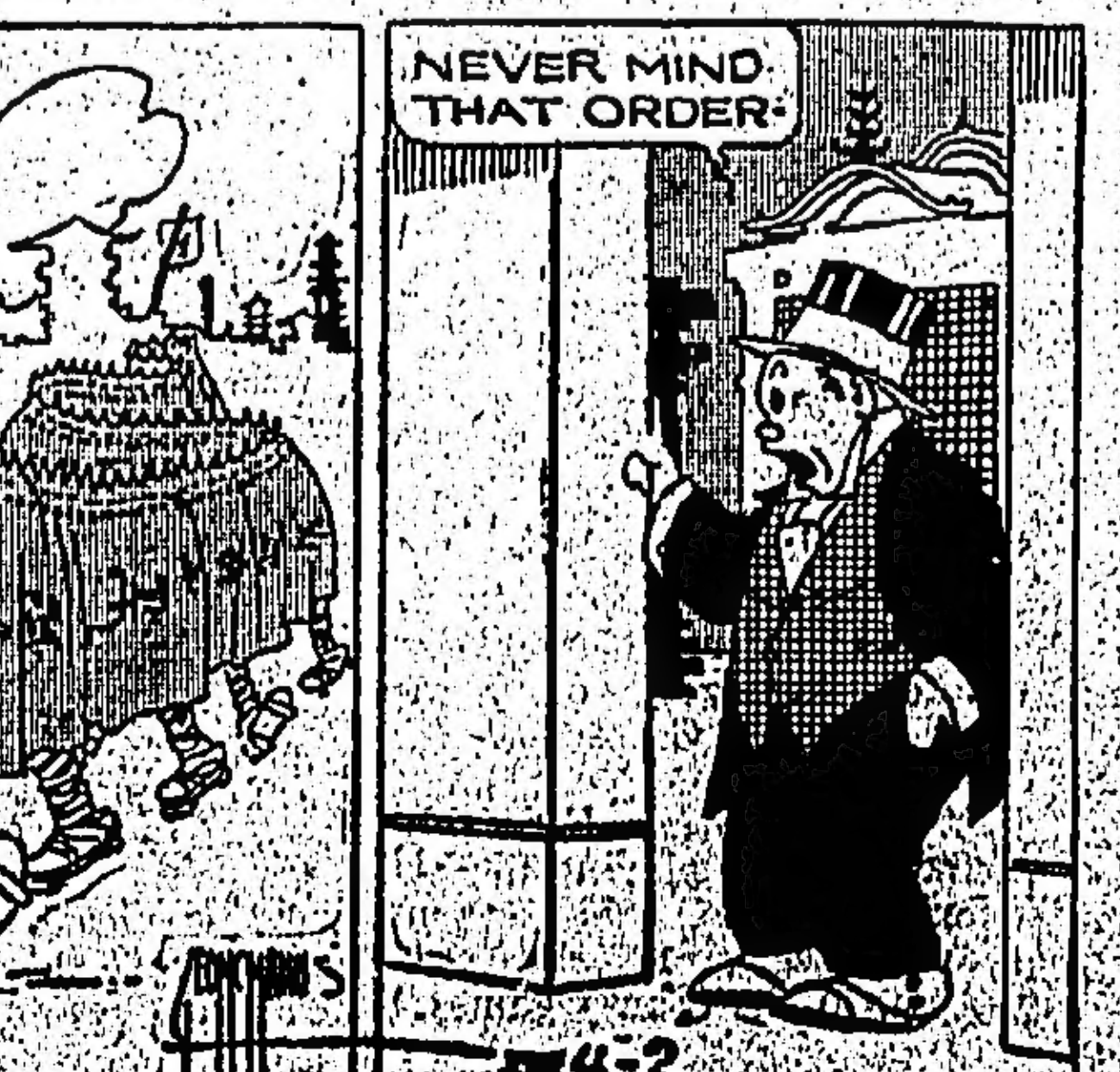
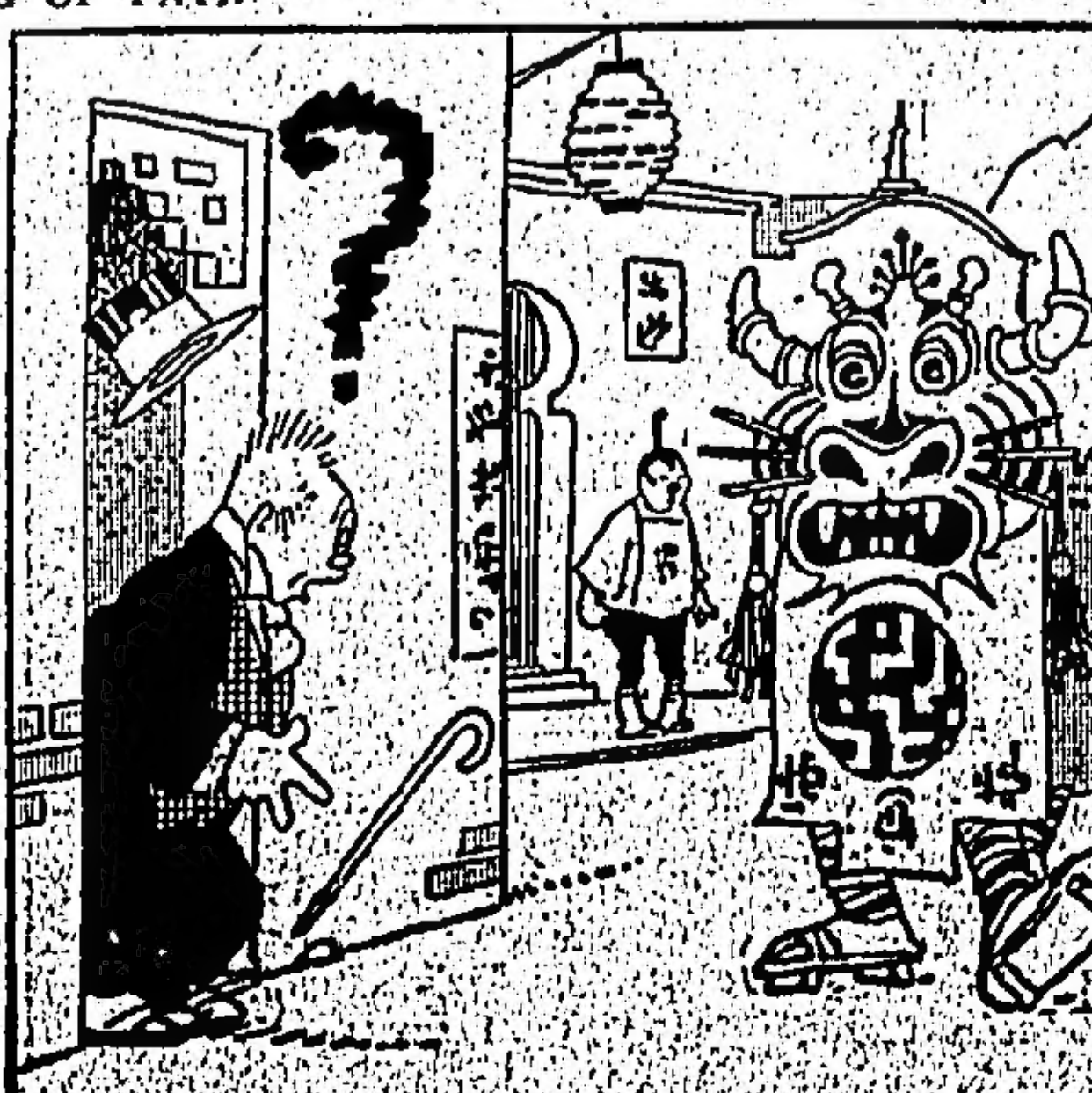
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The Canterbury Cavalry Depot is
to close down in June.

Three cases of small-pox have
been notified at Blaenavon, Mon-
mouthshire.

Making the twelfth victim, the
death took place of Maurice
Perry, 16, of Witherslea, who
was injured in the railway smash
at Hull.

For the transport of motor-
cars between Portsmouth and the
Isle of Wight the Southern Rail-
way has placed an order for a
new self-propelled ferry vessel.

Jewellery valued at £700 was
stolen by burglars who broke into
the house of Mr. and Mrs. E. J.
Williams, of De Vere Gardens,
Kensington, W., during their ab-
sence.

Mr. W. C. Bridgman, First
Lord of the Admiralty, told a
deputation from Plymouth and
Portsmouth that he could give
no indication that it would be
possible to avert threatened dis-
missals from the dockyards.

A severe earthquake shock was
felt in Northern Sweden.

Greece's public debt, excluding
war debts, is reported by experts
to amount to £80,000,000.

An order from the Admiralty
for a Fleet-repair ship has been
received by Messrs. Vickers, Ltd.

Princess Mary visited Paisley,
Renfrewshire, on Saturday,
March 19, to open the Russell
clinic.

Mrs. Martha Tyler, a patient
in St. John's Hospital, Wands-
worth, S.W., was 105 years of
age in mail week.

At Manchester Town Hall a
man who informed an attendant
that he and his wife had taken
out licences for the same dog was
advised to get another dog.

Because the expenditure ex-
ceeds the income, a petition from
the trustees of the British
Museum asking for further sup-
port from Parliament was pre-
sented in the House of Commons.



Mr. William G. McAdoo, one of the leaders in the De-
mocratic Party and a staunch dry. He was democratic can-
didate for the presidential nomination in 1920 and 1924.

Miss Jane Moss, who died at
Appleby, Westmorland, aged 101,
gave as the reason for her
longevity the fact that she had
always minded her own business.

Osborne Cottage, once the
residence of Princess Beatrice, at
Osborne, East Cowes, Isle of
Wight, is to be run as an hotel
under the title of Osborne Cot-
tage Mansion Hotel.

Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P. for
Kingston-on-Thames, who has
been appointed a Conservative
Whip (unpaid), is one of the few
M.P.s who hold a master
mariner's certificate.

The death took place of Mrs.
Annie Higgins, aged 102, a
widow, born in Newnham, Dean
Forest, Gloucestershire, who had
lived there all her life.

A first edition, first issue, of
Gray's "Elegy," printed in 1751,
together with a first edition
(1749) of Samuel Johnson's
"Vanity of Human Wishes," real-
ised £950 at Messrs. Sotheby's.

When it was suggested at the
L.C.C. meeting that the roof of
the County Hall, originally a
bright red but now nearly black,
should be cleaned it was stated
that the cost would be too great.

ODDS AND ENDS

Inn Signs.

At list of inn signs shows little
that is new in names, and that
the new names have not quite the
same poetic quality as the old or
the same historical allusiveness. Many
old signs are heraldic and repre-
sent royal bearings or the blazon-
ings of great families. The "White
Heart" was peculiar to Richard II.,
the "White Swan" to Henry IV., and
Edward III., and the "Blue Boar" to
Richard III. The "Red Dragon" came
in with Tudors, and all roses, white
or red, were signs of political faith.
The "Pilgrim," "Cross
Keys," "Salutation," "Angel,"
"Seven Stars," "St. Francis" were
medieval signs. Many were cor-
rupted through time as, for in-
stance, the "Coeur d'Or" (Golden
Heart) to "Queer Doer," "Beck-
channels" to "Bag o' Nails," "Pegs"
"Wassall Bowl" to Pig and Whistle.
The Puritans altered many of the
monastic signs, as the "Angel and
Lion" to "Soldier and Citizen." In
these old signs may be read every
phase of Ministerial popularity, and
all the ebbs and flows of war, as in
Rodney, Shovel, Duke of York,
Wellington's Head, etc., the "Cocoa
Tree" and "Thatched House" tell
their own tale, and the "Coach and
Horse" is a reminder of the times
when the better-class inns were the
only posting houses.

Compulsory Marriage.

Italy's spinsters have good reason
to be fond of Signor Mussolini;
for he has declared war on bachelors.
Henceforward all single men

in Italy must pay a tax. They will
be granted freedom until they reach
the age of 25, whereafter they will
be mulcted in increasing sums until
they reach 65, at which age, pre-
sumably, they will be abandoned to
fruitless senility. In addition to
this tax a levy will be made on bachelors'
incomes; and, if they have
no incomes of their own, their
parents will be required to pay for
them. Residence abroad will be of
no help; for the tax will accumu-
late during their absence, and all
attempts at evasion will be punish-
ed by heavy penalties. We have
not much sympathy with the bachelors.
As a class they are selfish
folk, and it is only fair that they
should be expected to pay for their
freedom from marital responsi-
bilities. Life will have a
new anxiety, however, for
Italian parents, particularly for
match-making mothers, who hitherto
have been able to concentrate
all their energies on the very
anxious task of finding suitable
husbands for their daughters.
Now they must face the necessity
of providing wives for their sons.
Into the bargain. Certainly Signor
Mussolini must be admired for his
thoroughness. He never does any-
thing by halves, and his ingenuity
in finding fresh sources of revenue
for the Italian Exchequer is re-
markable. Human beings, how-
ever, are curious creatures. Even
in Fascist Italy the idea of compul-
sory marriage is repugnant to the average
mind, and we doubt that the tax
on bachelors will result in a largely
increased activity in the marriage

market. In fact it may have the
opposite effect; for whereas formerly
the eligible young man felt
that he owed a duty to society, he
now will be able to absolve himself
from all further responsibility by
the payment of his monthly tax.

The Flower Train.

Where do the flowers that women
love come from? asks a writer in
the "Weekly Dispatch." Every day
an empty train leaves Ventimiglia,
at the Italian frontier, and crawls
along the glorious Riviera coast as
far as Toulon, stopping at all the
stations. This lethargic progress
arouses no anger in the passengers,
because the passengers are flowers.
They are cultivated by the Proven-
çaux, Nicols, and Englishmen who
tell their gardens under the brilliant
Mediterranean sunshine, and they
are destined for the London market.
At Toulon the tempo of their
journey changes; their train be-
comes an express, and they are
hurried through the night towards
the land of cold and mist which
they are going to cheer with their
fragrance and bright colours. The
true paradise of flowers is that
broad valley behind Cannes, to
which all the world's artists
and writers would immediately
retire if only they had the
means. This valley, which stretches
from the bay between the capes of
Antibes and Estérel to the moun-
tainous region of Grasse, is cov-
ered with a rich red soil on which al-
most nothing is grown except
flowers. There are many acres of
jasmine bushes in orderly ranks.

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Bangkok Kwel Sang 5 p.m.
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MORTGAGE CASE.

Was There Fraudulent Inference?

LEGAL ARGUMENT TO-DAY.

The question as to whether the two plaintiffs misrepresented their age was dealt with by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the defence) at the continued hearing this morning of the case in which two Chinese, Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hin, claim for the annulment of a mortgage for \$400,000 on the grounds that they were "infants" at the date of its execution.

Mr. Jenkin dealt at considerable length with the question of the "release" as to the signature of which the plaintiffs had stated they had no recollection. In the "release," the trustees stated clearly the names of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th sons as different from the names of other beneficiaries in that they were not of age (in the case of three) and absent in America (in the case of another).

The two plaintiffs were included obviously by inference, stated counsel, in the adult beneficiaries in respect of whom certain provisions were made, since it was not specifically stated as was the case in respect of the other three, that they were not of age.

Mr. Jenkin claimed (quoting from law books) that he was not obliged to point to one specific instance of deliberate fraud but stated that so long as he could prove that the general impression was misleading, then that was misrepresentation and under such circumstances the infant could not claim privilege for the annulment of the mortgage.

Counsel referred at length to other legal aspects involving the rights of juniors and how they were sacrificed and went on to refer to the oral evidence which would be given as to its having been stated on the plaintiffs' behalf in the presence of the defendants that Loo Kwong-lam was of age at the time of the execution of the mortgage.

Earlier Evidence.
Mr. F. C. Jenkin, yesterday afternoon, opened the case for the defence, prior to calling evidence.

Counsel submitted that the plaintiffs knew or ought to have known the nature of the deeds they signed in the solicitors' offices. He intended to show in the evidence that on the date of mortgage the plaintiffs were of such intelligence and experience that they should have known or must have known what they were doing.

Counsel also contended that plaintiffs had received the equivalent of the money raised on the mortgage. The brothers agreed the market price of the property was eight lakhs, and if they deducted from that the whole of the mortgage money, it might be that they had not received a cent of that, then they would be getting the equivalent of \$66,000 each. If they took in the second mortgage, which made five lakhs altogether, and deducted that amount they would still get something like \$50,000 each.

His Lordship said he thought they had better leave out the second mortgage for the purposes of the case, and referred to the question as to whether the mortgage was prejudicial to the plaintiffs, as they alleged inasmuch as to whether they had the right, if they were sued for the whole amount, to bring the other brothers into the action, or to recover after execution.

Mr. Jenkin said it was a serious point but the mere fact that one obligation under a contract was clearly prejudicial did not make the whole so.

Mr. Potter said he thought if one paid he could recover contributions from the others.

His Lordship—I think that may be the answer.

Mr. Jenkin contended he did not think the covenant was a prejudicial one because of the plaintiffs' rights in other matters.

A Chinese was injured in the back yesterday when a door fell on him while he was sitting outside No. 23 Elgin Street. He is now in hospital.

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Banquet at the Palace.

London, May 16.
That the Entente Cordiale is an undiminished world force was



Aristide Briand, France's Foreign Minister.

affirmed at the State banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of President Doumergue who had previously placed a wreath at the Cenotaph and at the Unknown Warrior's tomb in Westminster Abbey.

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The coast-guard men were wonderful. Yesterday they rescued 1,300 people from crumbling levees and floating house-tops.

Convicts are working day and night without guards in dangerous spots.

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Only one escaped, a negro serving a life sentence for murder.

He, however, returned the next day ashamed and asked for a shovel.

He has been working like a Trojan ever since.—Reuter's American Service.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

"Do Foolish Wives Pay?" To-night.

The Wilbur Players open their Kowloon season in the Star Theatre to-night with "Do Foolish Wives Pay?" They will give this piece again to-morrow night, following it up with "Cappy Ricks" (Thursday and Friday), and "The Family Upstairs" (Saturday and Sunday).

JUMP FROM BUS.

ARRESTED MEN'S DARING ESCAPE.

DETECTIVE OUTPACED.

A Chinese prisoner escaped from police custody yesterday morning while being taken on the bus from Aberdeen to the Central Magistracy to answer a charge of larceny from a dwelling. He slipped his handcuffs and made a dive through the bus window as the vehicle was passing the University. By the time the bus was stopped and the detective on charge had got out to give chase the prisoner had a very useful start. However, the detective kept his man in sight up to Water Street where the fugitive disappeared round a bend.

LOST TORPEDO REWARD.

A reward of \$50 is offered by the Naval Authorities for the recovery of a 21-inch torpedo which was lost from one of H.M. ships on May 1 in a position approximately 098 degree, nine miles from Waglan Lighthouse.

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expressed confidence that France and the British Empire would bring to the great work of restoration the same spirit of mutual confidence and loyal friendship which had animated them during the war.

His Majesty said his confidence had been justified, and since the signing of peace their common efforts had yielded many results. Much remained to be done, but as the two countries helped each other by united forces in war time they could continue to work together in the cause of peace.

M. Doumergue, cordially and unreservedly associated himself with His Majesty's programme of Anglo-French co-operation and declared that the Entente unconditionally and closely maintained by common inspiration, facilitated the pursuit of the international task. It was fruitful already in results and was laden with promise.—Reuter.

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